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Santa comes to town

Nineteen-month-old Corey Hooyenya of Haliburton was speechless when sitting on Santa's lap, following the Christmas parade in Haliburton. Santa phoned *The Echo* on Monday to say that his new float is absolutely marvellous. More photos on page 10.

Health services asks for levy to pay off debt

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation says that a one-time levy to pay down the remaining capital debt would allow it to better plan for the county's future healthcare needs.

It is asking county council to impose a levy on all property taxpayers to retire either the entire amount left on the county's \$5.5 million commitment to the construction of the new hospital facilities or part of it.

With an outstanding loan of \$1 million, paying off the entire debt would cost \$26 for every \$100,000 of assessment.

A dozen HHHSF and HHHS representatives attended Wednesday's county council meeting to make the request.

Dale Walker, the Foundation's executive director, noted that HHHS is the county's largest employer with 225 peo-

ple earning a total of \$10 million a year in wages, salaries and professional fees. There's an additional \$4 million a year paid to suppliers and service industries and \$1 million to local businesses.

More than 27,000 people a year visit the emergency department and the existence of the modern hospitals is a considerable factor in people's decision to move to the county.

"The hospitals are crucial to attracting people here and keeping them," Walker said.

The entire project to upgrade and expand the hospital facilities cost \$20 million. The cost was split between the local community, the federal government and the provincial government, which increased its share in the project.

Rather than stall construction for the county's share to be raised, the HHHSF borrowed \$5.5 million. County council agreed to pay the interest on the loan as

its commitment to the project.

So far the county has paid \$399,400 in interest. If the loan is paid off by the end of 2007 as expected, the county would have to pay an additional \$79,000. That means that the county's contribution to a \$20 million project will be \$490,000, or 2.5 per cent of the cost.

Now that the hospitals are open, the last \$1 million is harder to raise. The target date has been set back two years from the original estimate of December, 2005.

As well, many individuals and groups who have already contributed to the capital campaign are asking if they can help buy new equipment instead.

If the capital debt was paid off the HHHSF would then be able to shift its entire focus to fundraising for equipment.

"I'm astounded by how expensive the

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Hospital workers fear for their jobs

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

Two unions sent members out on an information picket last Friday in an attempt to persuade the Liberal government not to break their hospital services contracts.

The Service Employees International Union picketed 51 hospitals on Friday including the Haliburton Hospital. The picket was held in co-ordination with the Canadian Union of Public Employees. The two unions represent a total of 50,000 hospital service and clerical workers in Ontario.

The picket was in response to Health Minister George Smitherman's public contemplation of introducing legislation that would break the hospital service workers' contracts and allow the hospitals to privatize these jobs. The unions are claiming in press releases that Smitherman is trying to soften public opinion by calling their workers overpaid and unskilled. The unions claim their members provide the best house-keeping available which, in turn, is good infection control.

Hannah Kalter, SEIU union steward in Haliburton, says that last spring the British Columbia government dissolved the contracts of 8,000 workers and they are afraid the Ontario government will do the same thing. A press release from CUPE says that since B.C. made the change hospital hygiene has declined, the quality of food has deteriorated and outsourced laundry costs more than in-house service.

Kalter says Haliburton Highlands Health Services and Home Support have 125 SEIU members, including casual and part-time staff. She estimates about 14 members attended the picket on Friday but says some are in Minden where a picket was not organized.

"People waved, honked and some came over to talk to us. I think it went pretty well," says Kalter.

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Health unit helps people celebrate the season responsibly

Going to the grocery store on the first of December? Then pick up some helpful hints for hosting the holidays.

Two staff members with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit will share holiday hosting hints with shoppers at the Haliburton IGA on Wednesday, December 1, between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The event is presented by the Health Unit and Health for Life.

Drop by to sample appetizers that will taste great for the holidays. Registered Dietitian Rosie Kadwell will share these and other remarkable holiday recipes, while answering questions about how to shop and eat healthy – even over the holidays.

While you're there, why not give 'mocktails' a shot? Health Promoter Angela Andrews will let you try some while unlocking the secrets of making these popular non-alcoholic alternatives to party drinks. She can also offer tips on how to be responsible party host for the holidays and avoiding any possible liability if something should go wrong.

"We aren't the party police," cautions Andrews. "The whole purpose of this event is to show local residents how to celebrate the season in the right spirit."

"Hosting the holidays can be hectic," adds Kadwell, "so we hope people will stop and see us for ideas on making the festive season healthier and safer for everyone."

More details about the 'Helpful Hints For Hosting the Holidays' event at the Haliburton IGA is available by calling (705) 457-1391.



LANCE CROSSLEY/Echo

An artistic potluck

The Haliburton Highlands Art Council held its "Arty Party" on Thursday at Sir Sandford Fleming College. The bi-annual event is an opportunity for artists and art lovers to meet and greet in an informal setting. Partyers brought a variety of dishes for the potluck feast, ranging from salads to casseroles.

The local band "Serendipity" provided some upbeat musical entertainment following the dinner.



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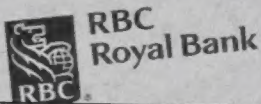
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Just call him Santa

Terry Blair's cherubic face is on 14 million Visa bills

MARTHA PERKINS
 Editor

Fourteen million people think Terry Blair is Santa Claus.

Or at least they will when they receive this month's Visa bill.

The Haliburton resident's cherubic face is being used in a marketing campaign as part of Visa's monthly billing.

"It's a bit embarrassing," Blair says.

He owns Blair Sawmill and Showroom on Hwy 118 near Camp Adelaide. One of his customers, Long Lake cottager Mario Ricci, has an advertising agency and one of his jobs is to make sure that people actually read the little flyers that

come with the monthly Visa bill. During a visit to the sawmill, he asked Blair if he'd be interested in posing as Santa for a one-time promotion.

"He's one of the sweetest people I've ever met," says Ricci, who has fallen in love with the Highlands. "As far as being Santa, is there a question? He's a wonderful looking guy and he photographs so well."

As the creative director of various ad campaigns, Ricci prefers to use "real peo-

ple" instead of models. "It's got to be genuine," he says of the ads he produces. "Real people make them more credible."

Blair has a face "that crosses over market segments." He can look kindly and warm to both children and adults.

Blair agreed and spent a day in Toronto. There were about six people involved with the photo shoot. All they needed to make Blair ready for his brief time in the modelling spotlight was a Santa costume and some talcum powder

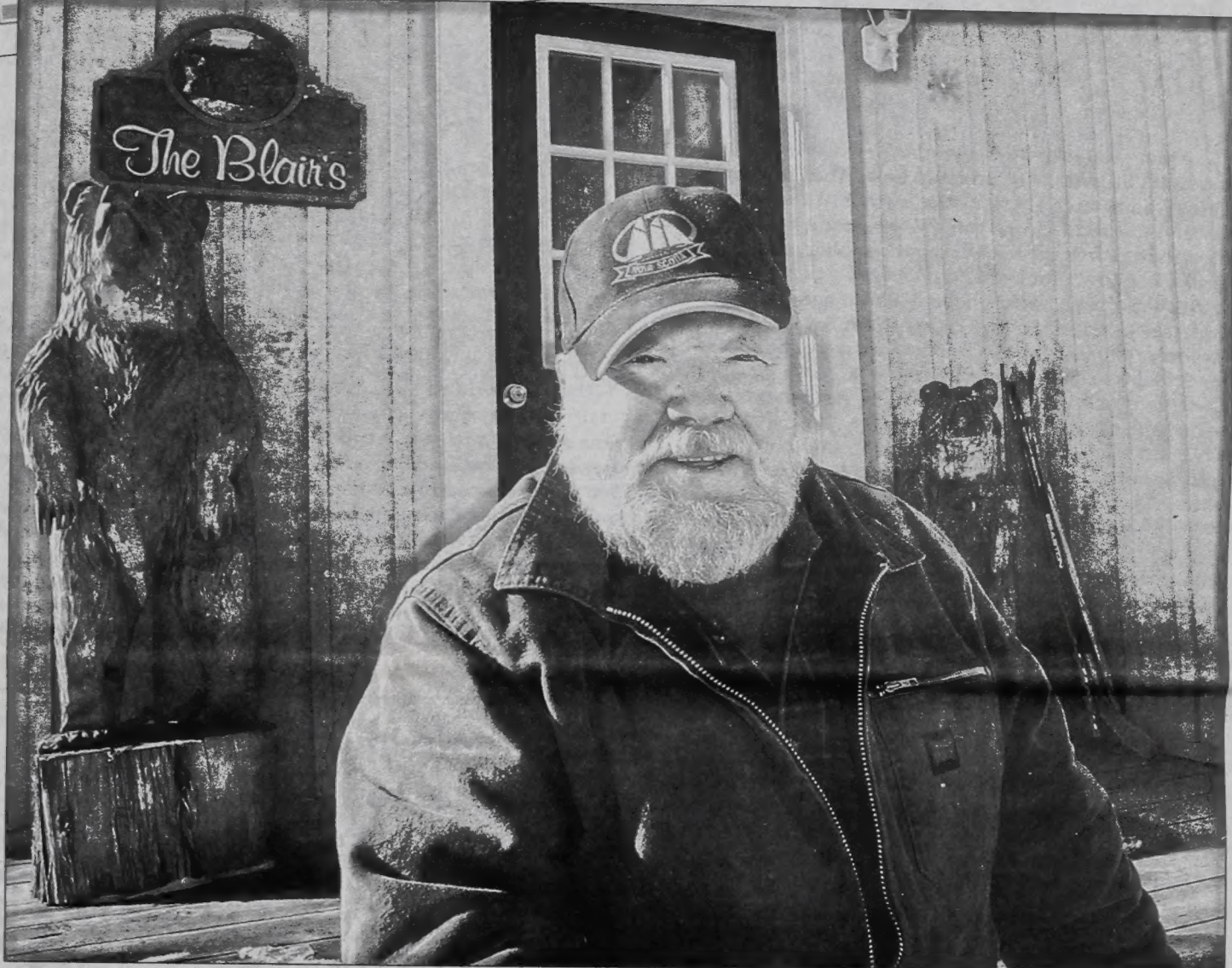
for his beard. Other than that, he was a natural.

"He just lit up the camera," Ricci says.

Blair is not expecting his phone to be ringing off the hook for other modelling contracts and had to have his arm twisted to get his picture taken for *The Echo*.

However, he does expect to be mistaken for the big fellow in red a lot more in the future. "I'm called Santa lots," he says.

DARREN LUM/Echo



Haliburton gives up distinction as being only place without 911

Official launch date is December 10

MARTHA PERKINS
 Editor

911 is coming to Haliburton County on December 10.

The emergency telephone service will

be officially launched at a lunchtime ceremony which will mark the end of the county's inglorious distinction of being the last jurisdiction in the province to have 911.

Celebrating the culmination of the two-year process will be county officials, the county's 911 staff, Bell Canada and Northern Communications, the company that's been hired to dispatch all fire, medical and police calls in the county.

As of Wednesday's county council meeting, the 911 department had linked 96.5 per cent of all phone lines in the county with actual addresses. It hopes to reach Bell's target of 98 per cent by the launch date.

Treasurer Laura Janke says that most of the remaining links are for numbers that are either new or used as computer lines.

Testing will be completed before December 10 to ensure that as of that

date 911 will be fully operational throughout the county.

Earlier that week the 5,400 homeowners in the county will receive an informational booklet which will outline the service and answer questions about such things as its use and road signage.

The booklet was done as a joint project between the county and the *Haliburton County Echo*.

**The Echo has two new e-mail addresses:
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Venue changes for dogsled derby

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

This January's Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby will be held in its new location at the Delta Pinestone Resort.

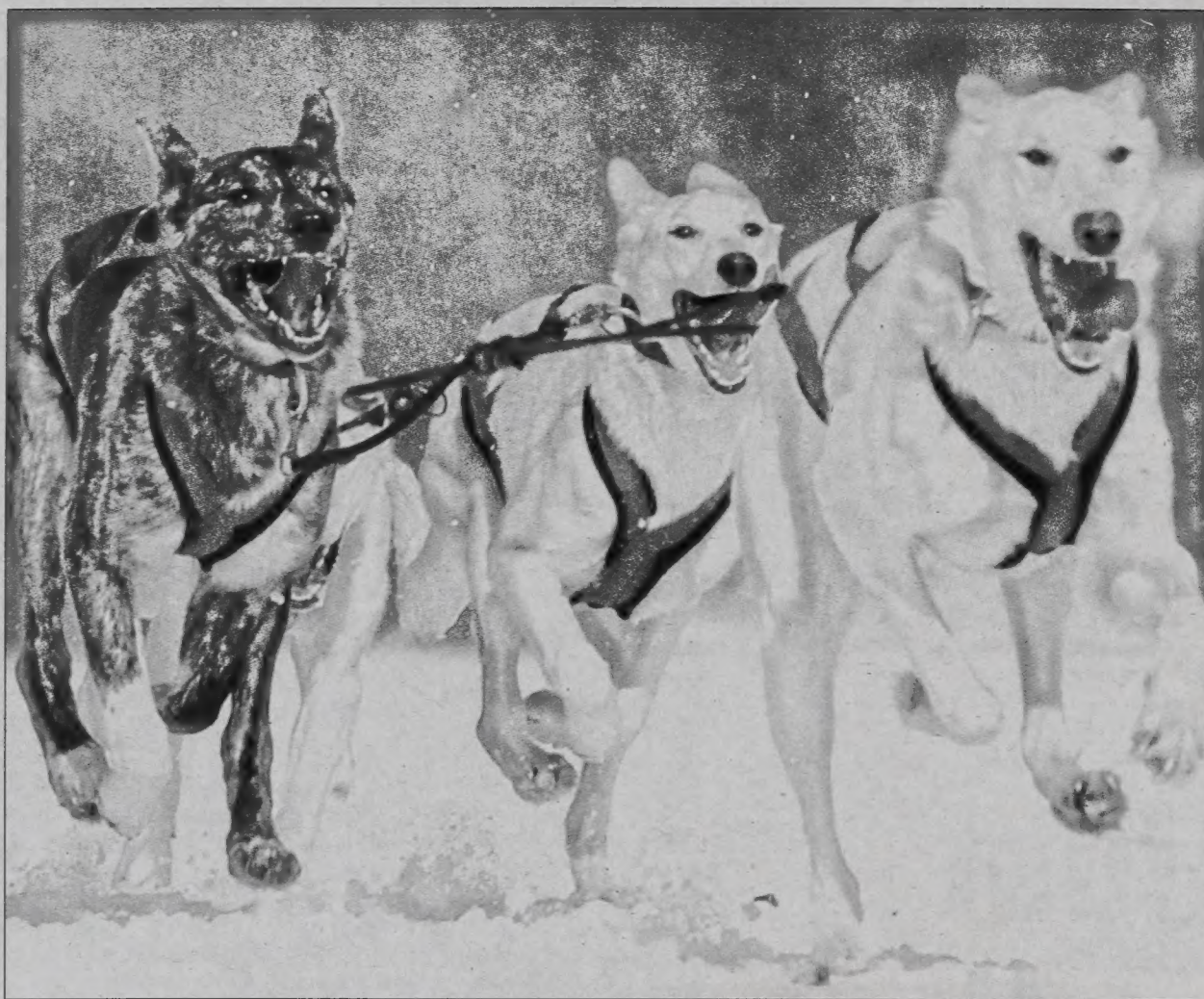
The annual derby was in jeopardy when it recently lost its traditional venue on Head Lake. The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association's (HCSA) decision to discontinue access to its trails was a result of stricter regulations in regards to its insurance policy, as well as certain logistical problems.

"It's like trying to close Hwy. 401 [to accommodate the races]," says Andy Chvedukas, HCSA president. "We were re-routing the trail but there were still lots of concerns [from snowmobilers]."

The derby needed part of the TOPS system, a major link between regions in the province.

Winterdance, the local dogsled tour company that organizes the event, was left scrambling for a new venue before Pinestone came in and saved the day.

"We thought we would have to cancel the race for this year," says Hank DeBruin, who with his wife Tanya McCready founded the local races. "It's too bad [the snowmobile association] is losing the race because it does attract a lot of people to the area during that weekend. Everybody could handle a bit of a boost at



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Instead of watching dogsled teams cross Head Lake, spectators at this January's Haliburton Dogsled Derby will gather at the Pinestone. The snowmobile club says it can no longer grant access to its trails coming off the lake.

this time of year."

This year's derby is expected to attract between 90 and 100 racing teams, from as far south as Indiana to as far north as Alaska. DeBruin says the Siberian husky is regarded as the finest athlete in the world, with certain teams capable of reaching 45 mph.

He also says dogsled racing has been given an unfair reputation, at least for those who have never witnessed a race.

"Most people are pretty awed at what they see. A lot of people think it's a cruel sport until they've actually watched it. Then they realize it's what the dogs live for," says DeBruin.

The derby, to be held Jan 29-30, is sponsored by various local organizations and offers prize money for winners. More volunteers are always appreciated. For more information call 457-5281 or visit www.winterdance.com.

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Groups help community become healthy for life

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Health For Life has a remarkable range of partners doing everything from teaching seniors Tai Chi to getting kids hooked on rock climbing, and it all helps to keep people physically fit and healthy.

An appreciation event organized by Health For Life staff last week recognized 19 different individuals for their volunteer efforts to keep the community healthy as well as the many partners that make the Health For Life coalition work.

Greg Shantz has such a talent for relating to youth in a fun way and inspiring them to take on physically active pursuits that Anne-Marie Cyr of Health For Life gave him the Peter Pan Adventure Award.

"Your enthusiasm and sense of adventure is infectious. This award comes complete with a Peter Pan festive hat, a rubber sword for pretend sword fights with your students - for gym class perhaps, a pet crocodile to keep Captain Hook away, and some fairy dust in case you really need to fly away after a bad day," said Cyr.

Cyr thanked Shantz for his dedicated efforts in assisting with the planning of the physical activity work plan for Health For Life and his work with community youth through Family Services. Shantz put together the Disc Golf Course in Head Lake Park, as helped to develop various physical recreation groups such

as Climax, White Water Club, Gravity, SK8, Hackey Sac and the Peer to Peer Skateboard Program. Shantz has recently made a career shift from Family Services to teaching at the Highlands Community Learning Centre.

"Greg, it has been a pleasure working with you. You have kept us young at heart, and focused on the importance of youth in this project. You will be missed," says Cyr.

She also thanked Linda Robitaille and Gayle Clements from the Government Information Centre for leading the promotion of Seniors' Week and organizing activities such as a community walk, Tai Chi in the Park, and an essay contest for Grade 4 students.

Cyr recognized Micheline Roy, Stuart Baker Elementary School principal, for turning her school into a role model for other schools and getting 100 per cent participation for the recent Hike Haliburton Challenge. She implemented a program where older students do organized physical activities with younger students at recess. The program teaches leadership skills and reduces bullying and violence on the playground.

"I would also like to acknowledge Patti-Lou Robinson, who is the Health For Life co-ordinator of this project," says Cyr.

Educator Laura Willis, and Valerie Smith, Trillium Lakelands District School Board trustee, were both recognized for their work in promoting nutrition programs and ensuring students have the

SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo



Stuart Baker Elementary School principal Micheline Roy and trustee Val Smith were praised for their commitment to Health for Life.

chance to eat healthily.

Sue Shikaze was given the Road Runner Award for being an outstanding role model of an active lifestyle. Cyr said Shikaze also rose to the challenge of promoting harmonious use of the Rail Trail by motorized and non-motorized users by organizing a Rail Trail Relay this summer.

Cyr's colleague Rosie Kadwell then took a turn at the podium. Kadwell thanked Rick Grieves, dairy manager at Haliburton IGA, for organizing a donation of yogurt for the Food For Kids program. It feeds more than 2,200 students.

Kadwell also had a big hug and thank-you for volunteer Sharon Bacon. Bacon works with the Good Food Box program, food network distribution committee, and co-ordinates the healthy snack and soup kitchen programs at the Highlands Community Learning Centre. She also assisted Karen Phipps with the Basic Shelf Community Kitchen Program.

"Sharon's love of kids and her easy rapport with the students, combined with her cooking knowledge, have made her an integral part of the Learning Centre's many food programs," says Kadwell.

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A passion

Let's hope that David Ramsay was taking a break from all the pressing responsibilities of being the Minister of Natural Resources on Friday night and that he tuned into TVOntario's Studio 2 program. After watching all the interviews with people who so passionately spoke on behalf of the Frost Centre, maybe he will start to realize why so many people think he's such a fool for closing it.

The TVO show does provide a lot of insight into Ramsay's thinking. It turns out that he had an excuse for making such a short-sighted move. Apparently he had been told that the Frost Centre was some sort of plush resort where MNR staff went to frolic and play, all under the guise of learning how to do their job better. He hadn't obviously heard the rumour that the reason some MNR

bureaucrats wanted the centre closed was that it wasn't fancy enough. After all, school children stayed in the same dormitories where they were expected to sleep. Does Ramsay wonder where his staff are

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spending the night when they have to take other courses? Guesses around here are that these places have room service.

Queen's Park bureau chief Susanna Kelley speculates that Ramsay simply got caught in a push-and-pull game between politicians and bureaucrats. Bureaucrats have been suggesting the closure of the Frost for years and Ramsay's the first one to have bitten. He obviously had no idea that instead of being some luxury destination the Frost Centre embodied everything that the Liberal government said it holds dear. Kelley doesn't pull any punches with Ramsay, who comes out of the encounter looking a little bruised. And so he should.

We're far from the point of chilling a bottle of champagne but there are signs that even though Ramsay's not prepared to back down on this one, his government is attuned to the protests to re-open the Frost. After last week Gerry Phillips, the chairman of the management board, which is now responsible for the Frost, said that the Frost Centre's sign, which had been removed, would immediately go back up, even if he had a bring a hammer himself. That is not the scripted response one expects from someone who's not listening.

A call from Santa

Although the line was a little crackly, given the snow storm at the North Pole, Santa Claus phoned *The Echo* office on Monday morning to let all of our readers know just how much he loved his new float in the Haliburton Santa Claus parade.

"This year I enjoyed the parade immensely," the big guy in red said. "The float was unbelievable. It was marvelous. Santa's impressed."

There are four men he has to thank. Sam Charlton, Ernie Winterburn, Ken Noble and Jim Meadows have dedicated the past few months of their lives to creating a float that Santa would be proud of. Their only reward was standing on the sidewalk of Haliburton's main street on Sunday and watching the children's eyes light up when the eight deer pulling Santa came into sight. Instead of the tired old box that Santa used to sit in, he had a real, proper sleigh and the reindeer flew into the air (with some help from some foot pedals.)

The only thing Santa didn't like was the rain, which he didn't blame on the Lions Club. It organized everything else about this magical afternoon and Santa said he had never seen so many children. As well as getting their photos taken by Perfect Prints, the children all got special treats from Teddy Time, and Santa made sure he had a nice little visit with every one of them.



Ice on a car hood

Photo by DARREN LUM/ECHO

Simply imprecise

George Smitherman, the Ontario Government's Minister of Health and Long term Care, commented, after the breakdown in negotiations with Ontario's doctors, that "to drive doctors into under-served areas" was his intent. Very quickly he rescinded that statement, saying that he did not mean "to drive." That connotation was obviously too autocratic, not his intention at all. It was simply a case of wrong word choice. One might also suspect that he is just a product of his times, of decades when language, its complexities, and its precision, have been so denigrated. The widespread desire to simplify the rigours required for skill in language has resulted too often in carelessness in usage, imprecision in word choice, repetitive in expression --to the extent that we are losing much of the rich variety that the English language offers..

Take a pair of words with different shades of meaning: 'eager' and 'anxious.' Each carries its appropriate emotion within the word itself. To be eager connotes excitement; to be anxious implies worry. Eager has lost out to anxious in our rush to - what? - probably a variety of forces that just somehow let 'eager' and many other words with precise meanings drift away. Now when we comment that we are eager for Santa Claus to visit, too often we say we are anxious. Does that actually mean that we are worried lest he fall off the roof while trying to park beside the chimney on our snow-covered roof? Or do we assume that the rest of the expression will help to define the actual intent of our comment. Either way making the one word 'anxious' stand for both emotions diminishes our ability to easily say exactly what we mean.

We have been having such fun with our language for several decades now. Rules be damned!

Sometimes something is almost unique, really unique, very unique, and so on. Poor 'unique.' It had such a simple definition that demanded no qualifiers because to be unique meant 'one

and only one.' We have now lost the uniqueness of the word, but have not found a comfortable replacement. This has been the fate of many words when we chose to treat them so cavalierly.

We have now bestowed popularity on the word 'absolutely' when really one merely means 'I agree.' It probably is intended to be more forceful, to show enthusiasm. I wonder how often, when this phrase now flooding the airwaves is used, the speaker truly means 'without question'. We seem to race from one fabulous phrase to another in lock step with all the other ways we rush through our lives today. After one word or phrase has been worn out, however, it no longer remains useful. Our language loses one more facet of its once rich variety.

One could retort, however, that such words as 'eager,' 'unique' and 'absolutely' are examples of a changing, living language, that words as well as structure, fluctuate to reflect our times. True, our

English language must continuously evolve if it is to remain relevant, and so it does. In my grandmother's time, in fact in Dorothy Sayers' mysteries published during the 1920s and '30s, 'ain't' was a common contraction of the present form of the verb 'to be.' Both my grandmother and Sayer's hero, Lord Peter Wimsey, used it. Gradually, though, educators began to suggest that only the uneducated spoke that way. Untrue, but the word faded from view. No great loss for 'isn't' and 'aren't' were waiting in the wings. That is just one obvious example of how our language can evolve.

That is not my point. It's when over time language is treated carelessly, as our past couple of generations have done, we too easily slip into the kind of misspeak and perhaps hot water in which George Smitherman found himself when he was merely casually making some off-the-cuff comments.

We are indeed becoming very poor stewards of a vibrant language.



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Little stars

The other day I was patiently waiting alone at the wash-room door for my turn to be seated, when I heard a strange little voice singing "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

It quickly occurred to me that, from a purely psychological standpoint, this was not a good sign, especially since I was alone and the little voice got the second verse totally wrong.

Let's face it, the course of history might have been changed entirely if, for instance, Jack the Ripper's little voices got the message confused, too. One or two simple mistakes and he might have gone down in history as a fairly unremarkable psychopath who stalked the dark, back alleys of London slapping

poor working girls with tiny salted fish. Yes, we might have never even heard of Jack the Ripper if the little voices he listened to weren't so completely accurate. But, alas, his twisted voice got it right. Mine, on the other hand, was singing something silly about "up above the squirrels so high, they like diamonds in their pie."

I've got to admit, I was a bit concerned. After all, there has to be a more humane way to deal with pesky rodents. I'm not exactly known for my baking expertise.

Just then, however, the wash-room door flung open and my little girl Carmen stood there quietly singing the last verse and drying off her hands.

"Oh, so I'm not crazy then," I whispered to the dog. Callie reluctantly agreed, though she still argued telepathically that the squirrel baiting idea might be worth further exploration.

But I digress.

It turned out that Carmen's kindergarten teacher had taught her class that the best way to ensure clean hands was to lather them up for the duration of that cute little song. I'm guessing "I'm a little tea pot" was saved for other more urgent purposes. Like the one I was now desperately rushing to fulfill.

A short while later though, I was floored by the genius of it all and, believe me, as the inventor of my Grade 2 class's most popular spit ball recipe, I'm a guy who is no stranger to incredible works of genius.

Using nursery rhymes as helpful reminders for important tasks was simply brilliant - on the cutting edge of kindergarten education in fact. And, I reasoned, if it could help all those fine kids deal with the confusing yet all-important hand-washing conundrum, it could help me too with other equally critical tasks. Sure I'd have to work hard and apply myself, but Dad always taught me to chase my dreams.

Unfortunately, the only nursery rhymes that I can think of these days always begin with the phrase, "There once was a man from Nantucket!" These I deem generally inappropriate for most public tasks.

So I called Carmen into my office for a frank discussion of the finer points of her technique.

"And so you wash your hands for the duration of the song, huh?"

"Yes, dad," she replied. "But you can't forget the words or you'll be there forever."

I hadn't thought of that.

It didn't take me long to decide that maybe all this higher learning wasn't such a great idea for a fellow like me. I mean, having wrinkled hands was one thing, but what if I forgot the words while washing other parts? And, even if I didn't, wouldn't it be just plain wrong to sing about squirrels while doing so?

Still, in my overcrowded mind at least, this was yet another brilliant idea that I ought to be able to use in place of actually having to think. This, of course, is the lifelong goal of every man. It's why Einstein had seven identical suits and why some others have the days of the week penned in indelible red marker on the back of their underwear - on the inside where no one can see it. Or so I've heard.

Carmen went on to explain that her class had other uses for songs, too. For instance, they sang O Canada each morning to remind them of the great country they lived in and to herald the beginning of a new and glorious day. This seemed much easier than my method, which basically consists of walking to the mailbox for the bills and downing a second cup of coffee.

Personally, I think that these young kids are onto something big. Music and poetry should jog the memory and inspire us to great works.

In any case, I'm just about finished this column now. I know that because I'm at the part of the rhyme where Mary had a little lamb whose fleece was white as snow. I'm guessing the father was from Nantucket.



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pic of the past

Imagine what a trip to the cottage was like before local highways were widened and paved: It was a long, bumpy and often dusty ride along gravel roads. This familiar view is southward from the top of Boskung Lake toward Carnarvon. Although undated, this photo shows the condition of the highway before it was reconstructed in a Depression-era employment project.

letters to the editor

Jim Wilkinson an influential man

To the Editor:

Dysart et al lost an outstanding citizen, a real leader and a genuine friend.

James R. Wilkinson passed away November 10, 2004.

On Kennis Lake we have a roadway called Wilkinson Drive. It was so named a few years ago in recognition of the countless contributions made in the community, over the years, by a stalwart leader, Jim Wilkinson.

Jim would have been 99 years old this coming May. He lived a full and meaningful life. His mind was active and alert to the very end.

What a magnificent legacy he left!

The cottagers in the Kennis Lake area owe so much to him. His influence was felt beyond the cottage community. Over the years he regularly attended council meetings and volunteered on many township and community organizations.

As president of the cottage Owners Association for countless years, he pioneered or was instrumental in the introduction of improved roadways, Bell Telephone Services, Lot numbering system, summer church services, regattas, waste management, lake clarity and water testing, septic system testing, swim programs for cottagers, visitations for shut-ins, CPR courses for a core of cottagers. The list could go on and on.

Jim Wilkinson was a born leader. He knew how to get things done and although some may have thought his manner was somewhat terse, he was actually a very loving, gentle, and caring person.

Jim Wilkinson was someone who had a vision of how things could be better and he set about to make them so.

Haliburton/Dysart/Kennis Lake have lost a real gem.

To know him was to love him and respect him.

Those who had that privilege will cherish it forever.

Those who did not know him at least can know that the quality of life that we all enjoy in this area is a direct reflection of his many contributions.

My wife and I and our family have had the privilege of knowing Jim for almost 40 years and have had the honour, since 1999, of owning his Kennis Lakeside property.

So much of him will live forever in the Kennis Lake community and in his cottage property in particular.

We have lost a dear friend. We are happy to celebrate the memory of his wonderful life.

Robert Ormsby,
Kennis Lake and Toronto.

Mental health changing

To the Editor:

The Hon. George Smitherman, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, needs to be congratulated for

See **Community** page 19

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Giving back:

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary recognizes Louise Curry for her work in raising funds for better local health care

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Louise Curry has lived in Haliburton all of her 66 years and says she is happy to finally give something back to the community that has given her so much.

"Haliburton just means everything to me. I wouldn't move out of here for anything in the world. I just love it."

Curry has been given the volunteer of the year award by the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary. The award recognizes exceptional achievements within the volunteer organization which raises money to buy equipment and other items for the hospital. Curry has been the finance and fundraising convener for the Auxiliary since she started volunteering almost four years ago.

"I don't know why they gave me the award. I guess they figured I was doing a good job," says Curry.

Curry was instrumental in helping the Auxiliary raise the \$93,378.71 that was spent on hospital upgrades this past year. One of the largest additions to the hospital was a portable X-ray machine valued at \$60,000. Other new additions include a stretcher and retractable bed for the emergency department, picnic tables, and two newly decorated rooms for long term care.

Overseeing a committee of five, Curry and company brainstorm purchase ideas for the auxiliary board, who in turn are responsible for approving the initiative. If the board gives the green light, the volunteers begin planning events to raise money.

"The biggest challenge is getting the event off the ground, and then of course you just hope you get enough people to come to the event. You need good advertising to get people out to it," says Curry.

The Auxiliary solicits money through a variety of methods, from personal donations to proceeds from the hospital gift shop.

Curry, a former professional babysitter, began volunteering when she and husband Lloyd retired. "I had a lot of time on my hands," she explains.

Though she didn't know much about the business of fundraising when she began, Curry says that it has been a valuable learning experience and has enabled her to conquer some fears.

"When I first joined and I had to get up and speak I was scared half to death. I've kind of gotten over that now. My teeth aren't rattling when I get up to speak," says Curry.

Curry will stay on as finance and fundraising convener until at least April, and hopes the auxiliary can match the same totals next year.



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A dedicated volunteer:

Louise Curry was honoured recently by the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary for her dedicated service to fundraising for the organization. In the past year the auxiliary has spent close to \$100,000 on new equipment for the hospital.

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St. George's promises a 'touching' Christmas pageant

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The annual St. George's Christmas pageant will take place on Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 pm. The pageant, an evening of readings and carols, has been a tradition at the church ever since it read Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* several years ago.

This year, St. George's will be reading *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, an entertaining story about a troubled family that gets involved in a church Christmas pageant.

"It's hilarious because this family are hellions and the rehearsals are just dreadful. Of course, it's quite touching in the end," says Bill Gliddon, organist and choir director at the church.

Last year the church performed the rather serious *Encounters at Bethlehem*. This time around, Gliddon wanted to lighten things up.

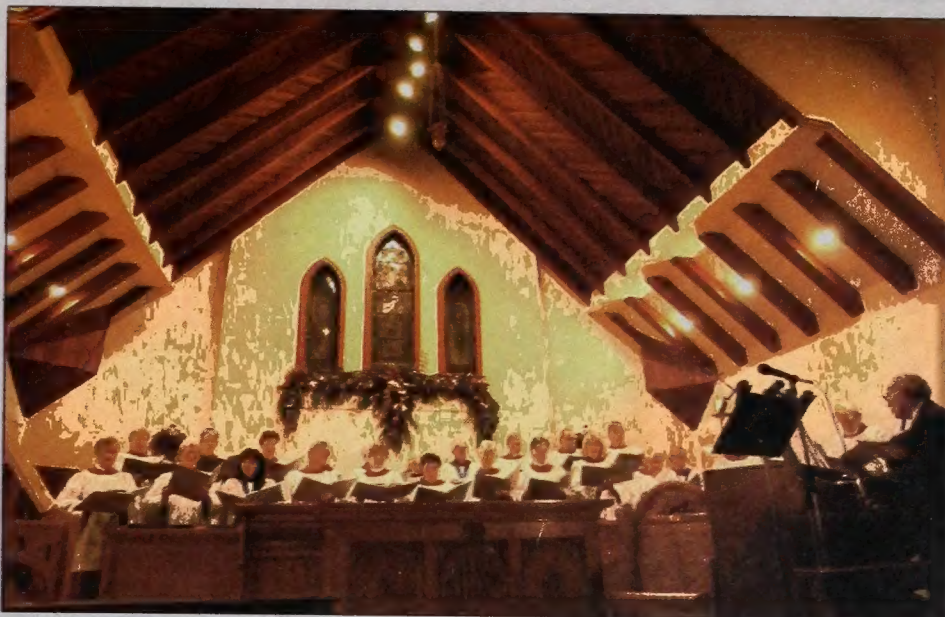
"This year we thought we'd turn the tables and do a fun one."

The story will be divided by seven chapters and interspersed with Christmas songs.

"We have some really festive, upbeat music to go with this one," says Gliddon.

Gliddon says that all proceeds will go to charity and that he expects to see about 150 people. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the Church office, Master's Book Store, and Perfect Prints Image Centre.

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St. George's choir, under the direction of Bill Gliddon, is rehearsing for *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. This funny story is about a troubled family getting involved in a Christmas pageant.

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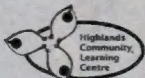
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Santa comes to Haliburton



Photos by
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The annual Haliburton Village Santa Claus Parade drew hundreds that lined the streets. The parade started at Rotary Park, went South on Maple Ave., West along Victoria St., South on Pine St. and down Highland St. through town. Children were given a treat as the new Santa Claus float was shown. It was the talk of the town. The parade was followed by photos with Santa at the Village Square.

Top: The Santa Claus float was the hit of the parade with moving reindeer and finely detailed town buildings.

Below top right: Children watch Santa Claus finish the parade.

Far Right: A young girl smiles at the coming of Santa Claus.

Right: The Patient News Publishing float had many smiling faces.

Above: IGA had the Grinch as the key float personality.

Sounds of Christmas echo in Highlands



Top: Trumpet players in the Drum & Bugle band from Sudbury were a hit.
Above: Sir Sandford Fleming College students showed off their courses and enthusiasm during their march in the parade.
Left: The Lions Club parade led by flag bearers on Highland St.
Top left: The Royal Canadian Legion from Haliburton showed an idyllic Christmas scene.

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The County of Haliburton is pleased to announce the launching of 9-1-1 within our borders on December 10, 2004. From that date forward, anyone experiencing an emergency throughout most of the county need only dial a single number (911) to get the emergency assistance they require.

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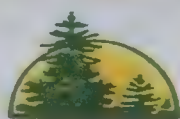
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Yuletide cheer

The Highlands Concert Band performed its 3rd annual Christmas concert at Extencicare in Haliburton on Friday. Led by conductor Glen Carter the band performed various songs, including We Wish You a Merry Christmas and Edelweiss. Clara Newstead sings along, below. Their next performance is at Highland Wood in Haliburton at 3 p.m. on Dec. 17. The public is welcome to attend.



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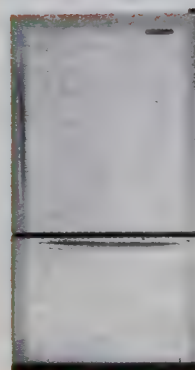
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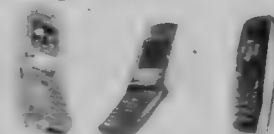


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Red Hawks' run ends at COSSA

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

HHSS 20

Titans 36

- Lakefield

Red Hawks are proud of their achievements despite losing in COSSA at Lakefield District Secondary High School in Lakefield on Nov. 25.

The senior girls basketball team were outplayed by the St. Theresa Titans in most aspects of the game and lost 36 - 20.

Head coach Roland Zilla is proud of his team, but realizes the Titans were a formidable opponent. He said they went as far as they could go with a team comprising mainly of juniors and first year seniors.

"They were a better team," he said. Adding the physicality and the skill level demonstrated by the Titans was the main difference.

The game started slowly, but started in favour of the Red Hawks, who had a promising first quarter when they led the Titans 7 - 6. The Red Hawks even shot a strong 43 per cent from the field. However turnovers late in the quarter though gave the Titans the momentum they needed for the strong run in the second quarter. Shooting 67 per cent from the field the Titans went on a 16 - 2 run to take a commanding 22 - 9 lead into the half. HHSS had their chances at the net, but couldn't connect, shooting 11 per cent from the field. Once again HHSS turnovers provided the Titans ample scoring chances. HHSS ended the game with 25 turnovers.

As the quarter wound down the Red Hawks drove less and shot mainly from the outside. Their reluctance would result in poor looks at the net and zero trips to the free throw line versus five for the Titans.

Unable to stop the Titans with their full court press in the first half, the Red Hawks persisted to pressure Titans point guard Katie Moore in the second. Their tactics didn't work as Moore dribbled in and out of pres-



DARREN LUM/Echo

Facing a 13 point half deficit the Red Hawks senior girls basketball team watches Head Coach Roland Zilla give defensive tips against the quick Titans team. HHSS could not overcome the deficit and lost 36 - 20 at COSSA.

sure, feeding her forwards open under the net for easy layups.

Even with the game loss looming, the Red Hawks continued to battle and resumed their hard drives to the net.

When the game ended the HHSS team embraced. The tournament included such schools as Moira, Nicholson, Holy Cross, Cobourg West, and Kenner.

Paige Collins led HHSS scorers with seven points. She added five rebounds while Michelle Neumann pulled down eight. Despite the loss the team is satisfied with their achievements. They exceeded pre-season expectations and even earned a COSSA berth and the Kawartha Championship title — the first in the school's history.

"To win Kawartha AA...that was very impressive for them," he said.

Zilla is realistic about their chances for next year though.

He said, "We simply are not good enough to go past this level yet. Maybe next year we will. Who knows?"

Next year the team expects to remain virtually the same with only two players leaving.

"It looks promising for next year. Can we win COSSA? I don't know?"

Second year seniors Laura Riley and Danielle Clements will not be returning.

Red Hawks bounce back from first season loss

Championship final

HHSS 2

TASS 3

Losing their first game of the regular season is proving fruitful for Red Hawks hockey.

Days after their 4 - 1 regular season loss to I.E. Weldon, the Red Hawks showed great character by earning a second place at the Fenelon Falls Secondary School hockey tournament this past weekend.

"That's what losses do for you. It helps bring out some of the weak areas that you have. In that sense it was good," Head Coach Ron Yake said.

Although absent for the semi-final and final games Yake noticed the team corrected that problems that surfaced in their loss against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats.

"I was quite happy with our improvement in our play when we didn't have the puck. That's what I stressed during Friday's play," he said.

He adds the team clogged the neutral zone well and demonstrated great positioning for better scoring opportunities.

Out of a pool of 12 teams HHSS defeated Central Hastings from Madoc 3 - 2 in overtime; Eastdale Collegiate from Oshawa 3 - 0 and the Kenner Rams from Peterborough 3 - 1 through regular play. In the semi-final the team hung on to win 1 - 0, sending them to the final against Thomas A. Stewart (who they tied 2 - 2 earlier in the season).

From the tournament Yake said it was

evident the defense has greatly improved and it starts with his two best defenseman Ryan Bottum and Josh Fick he said. These two veterans are leading a corps of defenseman who are Connor MacMillian, Kevin Bowman, Aaron Donaldson, and Andrew Bull. They have picked up their game finding new confidence through more playing time.

This has permeated throughout the team and lended itself well to the minimal goals allowed in the tournament.

Yake isn't concerned about the loss to I.E. Weldon since the recent success of the tournament overshadows it.

"You can't win them all," he said.

Going down by three goals through the first two periods hurt the team. When the Red Hawks found their game in the third period it was too late.

"We had a bad start. We were on our heels for the first half of the game ... third period was much better. It was one - one in the third period. We played even with them. They just wanted it more than our guys did in that game."

Justin Abbs scored the lone goal in the game and was assisted by Josh Fick and Jesse Johnson.

Added to the loss is young sniper Zach Joanu who will miss the team's next game due to a charley horse suffered in the game.

Defenseman Mark Fisher suffered a ruptured spleen in house league play and it is unknown when he will return to the lineup.



Defenseman Josh Fick has been a leader of a strong group of defensemen.



Winners of the Seniors Interclub Mixed Bonspiel are Brian Hambly, John Glachan and Ron Barr. Skip Ariel Campbell was absent.

Haliburton Club's Seniors Inter-Club Bonspiel results

WENDY VERMEERSCH

Special to the Echo

The results from the seniors Inter-Club Bonspiel on Nov 16th are as follows:

First Draw – the first game winners were teams skipped by John Smillie and Gary Thorpe and the second games for this draw had no Haliburton winners.

Second Draw – the first game winners were teams skipped by Ed Pickard, Ron Barr, and Bill Hare. The second game of this draw had teams led by Ron Barr and Ed Pickard as winners.

The cheering in the gallery definitely indicated the closeness of shots and games that were taking place. Overall the first draw's top three teams were all from Minden. They were teams skipped by Wilkes, Taylor and Spicer. The second draw team win-

ners were: in first place Ron Barr, skip, Ariel Campbell, vice, Brian Hambly, second and lead was John Glachan; second place a Minden team led by Murray Cooper; and in third place our team of Ed Pickard, skip, Teddy Stuckless, vice, Jim Walters, second and Mary Hambly, lead. All prizes were steaks so you can see that the Hambly family has steaks in their freezer!!!

A fabulous time was had by all the teams and thanks to the women at the Minden club for the super luncheon.

As we enter our last half of the draws at the curling club our top teams in the standings in the senior league look like this:

Monday Mixed – Ken Smith and Ray Hutchinson

Tuesday Ladies – Jerry Palmer and Shirley Howse

Thursday Mixed – Glen

Carter and Shirley Howse

Friday Mens – Wayne Hussey and John Lindsay

A very successful 2nd annual Champagne Bonspiel and Brunch took place on Sunday Nov 21. This event was convened by Charlene Smith and her committee of Donna Smith, Brian and Mary Ellen Sheridan and Ken Smith. The ice was in great shape thanks to Wayne DeJong.

After eight ends the winning team was skipped by Bruce Martin and consisted of Beryl Rasmus, Chris Zahn, and Bill Vermeersch. Phyllis Woodcock skipped the second-place team and third place was a tie between Bill McCoy's and Bev Martin's teams. Honourable mention goes to Irene Houtby, Richard Rasmus, Glenda Wakely, and John Glachan for bringing up

the rear in the standings.

The Bill McCoy, Bruce Martin, and Phyllis Woodcock teams won the draw to the button event. Special acknowledgement must be made of the McCoy family match on Ice 1; although Bill won Norma and her team gave him a close match.

Another successful event at the Curling Club this past week was the Friday night euchre. The organizers were pleasantly surprised with the excellent turn out and the winners were Bev Martin with high score, Gloria Foster with most honest score, and Clive Bormanis with most lone hands. Another euchre night will take place in January so watch for the notice posted at the club.

Welcome back, John, and good curling to all.

Highland Storm Tykes outscored in Fenelon Falls shootout

KATHY MCKELVEY-BROWN

Special to the Echo

The Highland Storm Tyke team was fired up and looking for a win when they hit the ice in Fenelon Falls on Sunday, November 28.

It was an exciting start to the first period. Forwards Sydney Cameron, Joel Fedeski, Morgan Hamilton, William Stephenson, Austen McKay and Devon Upton did an awesome job attacking the puck and keeping the Fenelon team on their toes. Goaltender Braydin Hollows and defensemen Hunter Bishop, Braden Roberts, Connor Gadway and Owen Flood were solid in keeping the opposition at bay, ending the first period in a scoreless draw.

Fenelon took the lead mid way through the second period but had not held it for long when Austen buried one on a pass from Joel and Braden. With two minutes left in the second, Fenelon took the lead again but only for a few seconds. Austen scored his second of the game off a rebound of a shot from Devon. Owen also assisted on that goal which ended the second period 2-2.

The third period saw William score a beauty with helpers going to Hunter and Sydney. Despite their strong efforts the Fenelon team scored three more in the third to end the game in a 5-3 loss for the Storm.

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Bantams show heart until final buzzer sounds

Storm 4 - Omemee 3

Highland Storm's Bantam Tri-County team welcomed Omemee to their barn on November 13. Curtis Nichol was called on to star in net.

The first goal of the game went to Storm's Ryan Smith in the first period assisted by Heather Mulholland. Forward Nathan Woodcock scored the next one with help from Ginnie Foulds to give a semi-comfortable 2-0 lead.

Omeme scored with 10 seconds left in the period and popped another one in to tie it up 2-2 partway through the second period. Nathan scored again to put Storm in the lead until, with three minutes left, Omemee made it even again. A face-off play by Ryan Sherwood in Omeme's zone placed the puck on Assistant Captain Jason Chapman's stick. He shot it into the net with 1:26 left on the clock. This 4-3 lead would stand for a Storm win.

Storm 0 - Cannington 1

Storm When the team last played at Cannington on November 1, Cannington won 6-1.

On November 14, the Storm team was

ready for a good match at home with this tough team. Nathan Woodcock showed his amazing goaltending talents in net this time. End-to-end action ensued with both teams getting great scoring chances. A first period penalty kill showed the hustle of defenceman Logan Brown and Assistant Captain Mitch Vanderlip. Stephen Nelson pushed his way past to get shots on the net while the Storm were short-handed. This entertaining game ended with Cannington having one goal in the third period to win it.

Storm 0 - Manvers 3

At home versus Manvers on November 19, the Bantam Bs were defeated 3-0. In a game where the puck just didn't bounce in Storm's favour and a goal couldn't be bought, the team didn't give up. This was Manvers' fourth win in a row, all shut-outs.

Storm 4 - Bobcaygeon 5

In Bobcaygeon on November 21, the Storm Bantam Tri-County team was missing three players but came ready for action. Carson Metcalfe, "AP"d from the House League, skated hard and got a nice shot on the opponent's net in the first period. Captain Robby Hicks ended the Storm's two-game scoring drought with a nice goal to put the team in the lead 1-0.

Ryan Sherwood's face-off win and pass back to Jay Winfield ended with a blistering shot from Jay that found the back of Bobcaygeon's net to make it 2-0 Storm. The home team answered back three times to make it 3-2 into the third period. Zach Prenger's good defensive play stopped shots near Storm's net to keep it a close game. Robby Hicks poured it on to tie it up again, 3-3. Curtis Nichol helped out in net with many good saves.

With the score 5-4 in Bobcaygeon's favour by the last minute, Curtis was pulled from net.

Despite great effort, the Storm team admitted defeat and look forward to their next match with Bobcaygeon.

Novices can't stop scoring in 19-1 trouncing

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Storm 19 - Thunder 1

This past Saturday featured the rematch between the Port Carling Thunder and the Novice Storm. The game was a one-sided affair from beginning to end. All 13 Storm skaters contributed in the scoring, a whopping 40 points, as the mighty Novices humbled the Thunder 19-1.

Spencer Hicks led the way with two goals and three assists; Christopher Hall notched five points of his own with four helpers and a goal; Nathan Feir and Kirk Lopez each had three goals and an assist; Tom Paul scored a pair of goals and a pair of assists; Spencer Trueman played

set-up man with four assists; Mac Monk Cray and Curtis Ballantyne each added two goals and an assist; Tyler Barry added three assists; Julia Fedeski scored her first goal of the season and added two helpers; while Matt Chapman, Connor Dollo and Jacob Sisson each tallied a goal and an assist.

Storm 9 - Optimists 3

The Storm extended its undefeated streak to seven on Sunday in Parry Sound. The Storm showcased their versatility as defenceman Tyler Barry made his debut between the pipes. Curtis Ballantyne, having fully recovered from his bout of pneumonia, led the Storm attack with three tallies and three helpers as the visitors pounded the home team

Optimists from the get go.

Nathan Feir opened the scoring with an unassisted goal, followed by a tally by Spencer Trueman three minutes later. Ballantyne scored his first of the game, after receiving a great pass from Julia Fedeski, who fought off two defenders in the corner. Tom Paul extended the Storm's lead to four, knocking down a pass from Chris Hall. Hall added a goal of his own in the third after two more from Ballantyne; Connor Dollo pitched in a goal and two assists; Mac Monk Cray capped the Storm's scoring one timing a shot in the slot, after receiving a great pass from Ballantyne in the corner.

The Optimists attempted a comeback by scoring three in the third, their final tally on a seldom seen penalty shot.

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Trillium school board trustees vote to eliminate rental and custodial fees for not-for-profit groups

Board starts Awards of Excellence program for school staff

The following are brief reports, supplied by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, of items discussed at the November 23 board meeting in Lindsay.

Trustees voted to eliminate the fees (both rental and custodial charges) for all not-for-profit community-based groups. The elimination of the fees will be in effect as long as the funding is available through a new program offered by the Ministry of Education, in conjunction with the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation.

Trillium Lakelands is eligible for \$185,802 under the new program. The aim of the agreement is to provide easier and greater access to facilities by community members. To receive the grant Trillium Lakelands must be able to show how they will provide easier access to facilities.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board's past practice has been to keep costs to a minimum for community-based groups.

EQAO Results

Superintendent of Program and Assessment, Dale Robinson presented the results of the recent EQAO assess-

ment for Grade 3 and Grade 6 reading, writing and math. A strong supporter of the EQAO process, Robinson led the trustees through a detailed breakdown of all results. Short and long-term improvement plans were outlined, including classroom writing activities for teachers, teacher training, expansion of a teacher-coach model that began last year, as well as principal workshops.

Autism Spectrum Disorder

Two hundred students within the Trillium Lakelands District School Board have been identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Consultants Susan Lovell and Pat Dickson shared with trustees the characteristics of ASD students including communication, behavior and social interaction. Information shared included strategies for assisting schools with their ASD students including the provision of resources and professional development for staff.

Charitable Donations

A new Charitable Donations Administrative Policy and Procedure was presented by Superintendent of

Business Jim Bradley. This new policy will enable schools to issue charitable receipts for certain donations in accordance with the Income Tax Act and Regulations. Previously, all donation receipts were issued through the school board office. With the new procedure schools will be required to issue receipts for donations received by the school.

Staff Recognition

A new Staff Recognition Committee has developed an Awards of Excellence program for Trillium Lakelands District School Board. Schools will receive nomination forms in early January for a Curricular, Co-Curricular, Volunteer and Impact award. An Awards ceremony will take place at Archie Stouffer in June. The new committee is also going to oversee the distribution of pins to staff members who have completed 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service.

Health Support Services

Shelley Mierley, Superintendent of Student Services and Elementary Operation shared with trustees a new procedure outlining the services and

process for developing a plan of action for both routine and emergency health support services delivered in Trillium Lakelands schools. This procedure is designed to give more direction to schools and will provide more detailed operational information on what services are to be provided, the training requirements, a daily log of services provided, and a planning framework for individual student needs.

School Nourishment

Trustee Valerie Smith presented to the board the number of schools that have applied to receive funding to assist in their breakfast and snack programs. Thirty-three of 41 elementary schools applied for funding, and five of seven secondary schools requested assistance. Most schools throughout the district provide some form of breakfast or snack program at least twice a week and in many cases five days a week.

Smith is encouraged by the interest from schools to sustain their nourishment programs and hopes all schools will be part of a breakfast and snack program in the near future.

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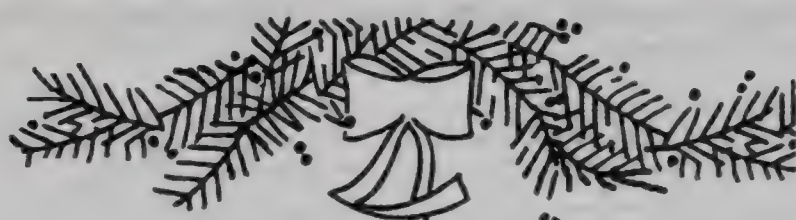
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Foundation wants to switch attention to equipment

'I'm astounded at how expensive equipment is and that it doesn't last long,' Walker says

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equipment is and that it doesn't last long," Walker said, adding that the community wants and expects modern equipment to be in place. "We can't keep up with the demands."

The idea of a one-time levy was first broached by county council in 1999. At the time, councillors suggested that the community's entire contribution could be paid for by the levy. It would have been \$100 per \$100,000 of assessment.

But times have changed since then, said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. Because of market value assessment there's now been a major shift in taxation levels.

In 1999 the average residential house was worth \$80,000 and a cottage was \$120,000. Today, waterfront properties have increased two and a half times in value. If the levy was put in place, the county would therefore "put 75 per cent of the burden on people who don't live here."

The HHHSF's Don Popple said that in 1999 the Foundation believed it was best to see if the public sector, through donations, could raise the \$5.5 million. It was felt that if people paid money through property taxes they wouldn't make individual donations to the Foundation. However, now that the buildings are operational, "it's hard to go back to the well."

Peter Oyler said there are always inequities in fundraising projects. "Eighty per cent of the donors give 20 per cent of the funds."

Warden Bill Davis said that the request will be part of the county's budget process. A preliminary budget will be

presented to council on December 7 and the county hopes to approve the final version in January.

Davis noted that the HHHS is one of only 20 per cent of hospitals to balance its budget this year. "The HHHS should

be commended for its balanced budget. You had to be frugal to do that and we have to be frugal as well."



Haliburton hospital housekeeping employee Lorena Selk was one of several protesters in front of the hospital last week. Support staff and dietary employees are concerned about hospitals in Ontario contracting work out.

Union says government picking on lowest paid workers

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Kalter is an RPN and says the bottom line is they want the Liberal government to respect the skills they provide and protect their jobs.

Sharleen Stewart, SEIU president, said

in a press release that the government is trying to pick the pockets of the lowest paid workers in the health care system. She says the contract workers earn an average annual salary of \$35,000 a year. She says that during the election now-Premier Dalton McGuinty said privatiza-

tion was backward.

The press release also cites the Roy Romanow review of health care and how the commission never found hard evidence to prove privatization was a better or cheaper way to operate health care systems.

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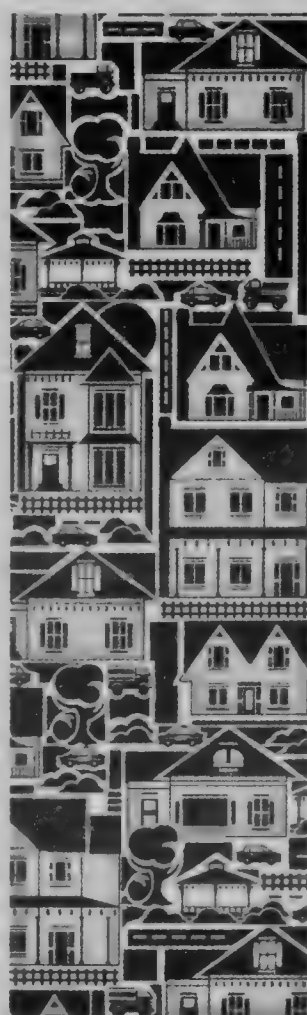
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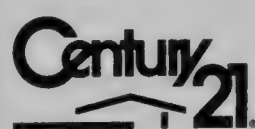
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Community to guide mental health

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taking a decisive step in creating Local Health Integration Networks (LHIN) throughout the province of Ontario. He has demonstrated his commitment to improve the health care system because we, Ontarians deserve the best health care.

Despite many previous attempts to integrate services at the local levels, the health care system remains fragmented. It includes a maze of services which are not only costly but confusing and unfriendly to the very people for whom they exist.

Although there are many unknowns about LHIN's and how it will be implemented, the Canadian Mental Health Association supports the goal of transforming the health care sector into a system which prioritizes responding to local needs through patient centered, seamless service.

The Local Health Integration Network is designed to engage communities in a health system transformation by enhancing and supporting local capacity to plan, coordinate, integrate and fund the delivery of health services at the community level. While LHIN promises to coordinate, it assures that the existing provider organizations will continue to be relied upon to deliver services.

Mental health and addiction care has long been the orphan child of the health care system. As a result, we are encouraged with the government's acknowledgment of the critical role that the community based mental health services play within the overall health care system. We are pleased that the Hon. George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long Term Care continues to champion the needs of people

experiencing mental illness and addiction issues.

As a partner in the health care transformation agenda, I would like to urge the government to ensure that:

- Mental health and addiction remain integral to a transformed system.

- Consumers of the mental health system and their families continue to remain at the centre of the transformation agenda and involved in all aspects of planning, decision making, implementation and service delivery.

- Access to housing, income, employment and social supports (as provided by the local branch of the Canadian mental health Association) are considered critical to treatment and recovery. Without investment in these areas, the governments' transformation agenda cannot fully address the mental health needs of Ontarians.

- Accountability relationships must occur horizontally among organizations as well as vertically between consumers, families, service providers and government.

- LHIN's must plan and fund service based on population needs, respond to local communities and be able to address the needs of diverse communities and marginalized groups.

As volunteer leaders in the field of community mental health, we will continue to support the Minister and we will continue to work with his team in ensuring that his transformation agenda is implemented.

Pat Dunn, President

Canadian Mental Health Association,
Lindsay

An invitation to remember the Montreal massacre on its 15th anniversary

To the Editor:

December 6, 2004 marks fifteen years since the Montreal Massacre. On that day, 14 young women were murdered by a man who blamed his lack of success in engineering studies on the women who were challenging this male-dominated profession, students and teachers and office staff at L'Ecole Polytechnique. He entered the university building, separated the women from the men, and shot as many as he could.

The impact of this event continues to be felt, as it was so public. The message that it is still dangerous to be a woman stepping out of line is still true, however, as evident in the steady flow of women needing shelter, police protection, and medical assistance resulting from vio-

lence at the hands of a current or former male partner, who are generally not in the public view.

OutLoud Womyn will be gathering with anyone who wishes to join us on the main street in Haliburton near the downtown traffic lights at 12:15 p.m. on Monday, December 6, for a brief ceremony of remembrance and intention.

We invite each person to commit to an action that builds individual and community strength in making our community safe for women and children – and all people. We need to keep awareness and take action until violence becomes unacceptable by all of us.

Claire Sylvan,
Haliburton

Local volunteers make a difference

To the Editor:

The United Nations has declared December 5th as International Volunteer Day.

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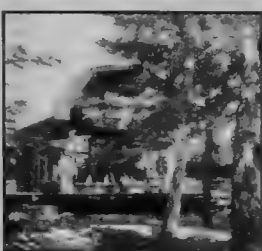
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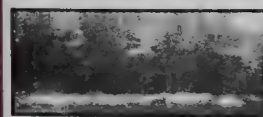
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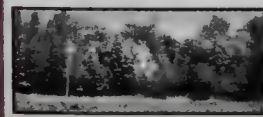
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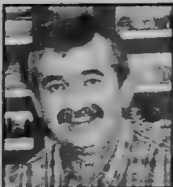
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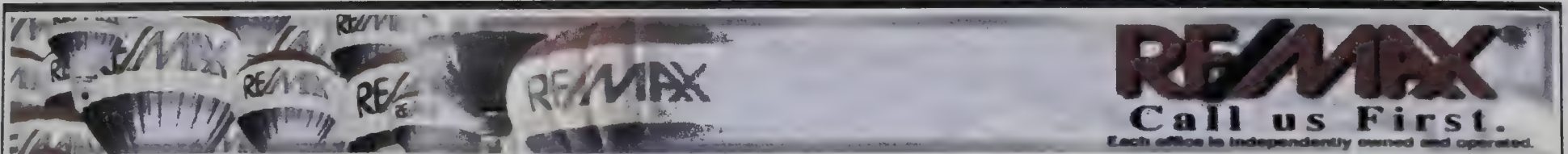
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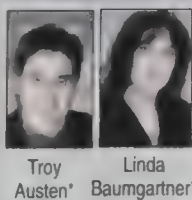
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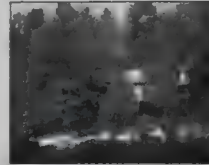
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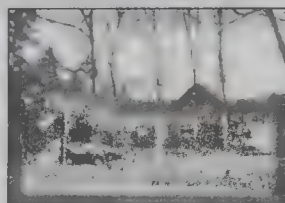
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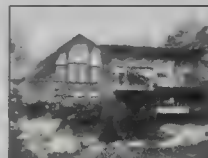
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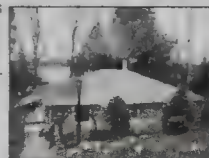
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KENNIS LAKE
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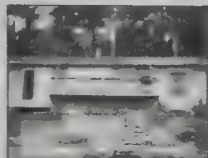
This 2400 sq ft Haliburton home has 3 levels of finished living space. Family-size kitchen, rec rm & dining, loads of storage & decking, attached & detached garages. 34 acres of property w/mixed hardwood & privacy. New price! A must see!

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Cute and cozy 2 bedroom cottage, new roof, decks, bathroom, siding and plumbing. Comes fully furnished. Has sunroom and a golden sand beach on this pristine lake. Call Fred Chapple.

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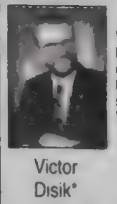
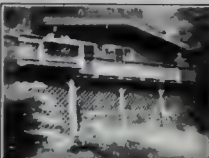
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New 3 bdrm home featuring open concept, hardwood flrs, master w/ensuite & walk-in closet, FP, full unfn bsmt, 2 car garage w/breezeway. Private, landscaped 2 acre lot w/western exp off lg veranda.

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KENNIS LAKE
Fully winterized, south facing 2 bdrm cottage on year round municipal road. Located in quiet bay, gently sloping lot leads to beautiful sand beach. Cedar interior, stone fireplace, lots of decking. Great buy! Don't miss out, call Deb!

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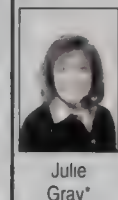
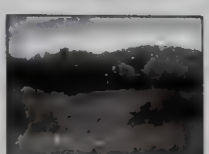
MINDEN STREET MINDEN
C-1 zoning. Living quarters upstairs. Town water & sewerage. Call Tracy or Lenor.

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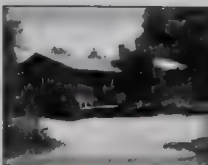
ACREAGE ON MINDEN LAKE
With 465' of frontage on Minden Lake and 8.48 acres of grassland & red pines, this property features southern exposure. Call Lenor or Tracy.

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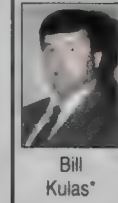
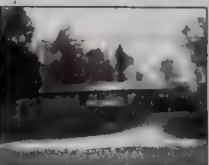
KENNIS LAKE
Spectacular big lake view is possible from this densely treed lot that features a gorgeous sand beach in a grt bay of prestigious Kennis Lake. Spacious 3 BR home/cottage w/eat-in kitchen, DR, 2 ensuites, cath ceilings, FP, main fl family rm, laundry rm, dbl carport. Priced to sell!

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HARBURN ROAD
108 acres estate property w/beautiful meadows, ponds, creek, mature trees & great hiking & cross country trails. Over 3,000 sq ft this home features a LR/DR, huge kitchen w/island & counter sink, main fl FR and mstr w/2pc ensuite. Lge rec rm over garage. Screened sunporch, drilled well, 2 yr old roof & oil fired FA boiler heat system.

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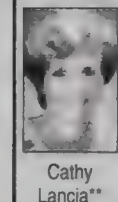
MOUNTAIN LAKE
Wow! This cottage has it all! Level lot with sand beach, expansive western sunset view, miles of boating on a pristine 2 lk chain, stone flp, renovated kitchen & bathroom, boat house and more! This cottage is in move in condition! Fully furnished. Call Bill today @ 286-2911 ext. #44 today! A must see!

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TOM BOLTON ROAD
This 3 bedroom open concept home situated on a picturesque country setting only minutes from Haliburton. Featuring spacious separate DR, main fl office/den, full w/o basement attached garage & economical wood/oil furnace, many extras. Vendors relocating. Call Bill Kulas @ 286-2911 ext. #44 for further details

Value Priced at **\$162,500**



KENNIS LAKE
Sandy, 240' waterfront and natural forest make up this 10 acres of unspoiled nature. It is accessed by a private seasonal road that could easily be plowed. This is an opportunity to have boating access to Presigious Kennis Lake

\$159,700



MISKWABI LAKE
R2000 construction framed 900 sq ft building. Board & batten exterior is almost complete with metal roof & aluminum soffits. Insulated floors, wire mesh keeps it protected below. Some exterior banner around piers, which creates a workshop under the cottage. Steep property, easier access by boat as launch is nearby. Boathouse at waterfront

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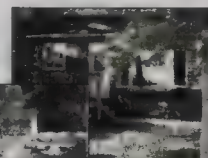
HEAD LAKE NORLAND
Gorgeous 3 bedroom 4 season cottage on a level private lot with a sand beach. Post & beam look. Also has a bunkie. Call now!

Reduced **\$259,000**



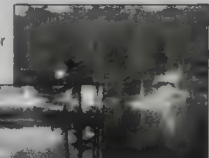
MOUNTAIN LAKE
Wow! This cottage has it all! Level waterfront lot w/sandy beach. Big Lake view! Western sunsets! 2-lake chain! 3 bdrms, eat-in kitchen LR w/stone FP, 3 pce bath & def'd workshop could convert to bunkie. Call Karen for details

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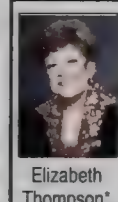
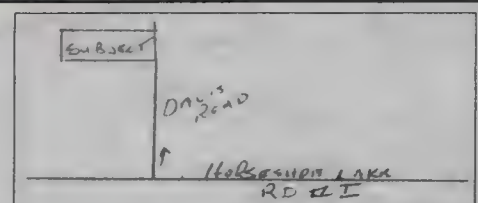


BIG BROTHER LAKE
Unspoiled, uncrowded, piece of paradise, just 2.5 hrs north of Toronto. Gorgeous pine walls, floors & ceilings throughout. Floor to ceiling stone fireplace, 2 bedrooms, 4 piece bath, open concept kitchen/DR, large LR, BUNKIE, 170' sand/rock shoreline. 1.1 acre lot.

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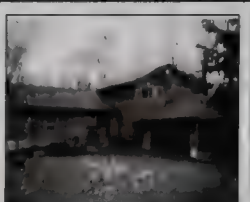


DAVIS ROAD
Lovely building lot on year round road. Gently sloping lot and well treed. Close to both towns. Priced to sell at **\$37,900**



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LAKE LORRAINE
Absolutely perfect starter/rental cottage. W/o kitchen & living area to front & side deck, 3 bedrooms, 3 pc bath, sandy shoreline, waterfront deck, small quiet lake, lovely view.

\$160,000



3 LAKE CHAIN
Miles of boating on Redstone Lake - spotless custom-Built cedar home/cottage. Open bright kitchen with island & dining area, w/o living rm with cathedral ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 24'x28' finished garage & open finished loft, very private setting, sand shoreline.

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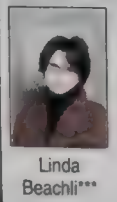
MINDEN LAKE
5 bedroom cottage plus a bunkie on a sloping lot w/sand shoreline, S.E. exposure, minutes from Minden and a quick paddle up the lake to the rapids. Call Melanie for a personal tour.

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BEECH RIVER
Beautiful lot w/mature trees, fronting on the Beech River, a short boat ride to Boshkung Lake chain. Lot has driveway in, 242' frontage & is level. Call Melanie.

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Lovely year round very private home. Good level waterfront & loaded with extras! Fireplaces, sauna, bunkie. Hurry to move in! Linda Beachli/Peter Brady 457-1011

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Large bright two storey home ready for your finishes and home business near Pinestone. Adjacent commercial corner too! Linda Beachli/Peter Brady 457-1011

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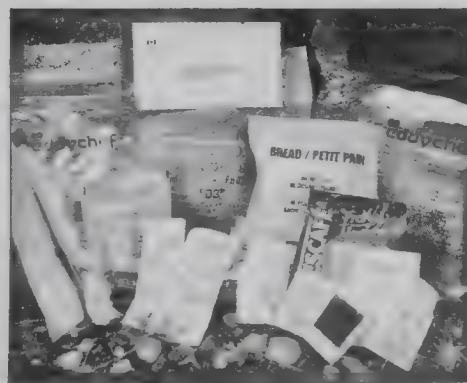
Photographer Darren Lum participated in a four-day familiarization exercise for media with the Canadian Armed Forces at ATC Meaford late October. Along with nine other journalists from Global National based in Montreal and Winnipeg, SRC (French CBC), CBC, and Hamilton CH, Lum learned about mine detection, combat first aid, checkpoint negotiation, convoy protocol and Nuclear Biological Chemical Defense training. The exercise is held once a year in Ontario, and a similar one is held in British Columbia. This is the second time ATC Meaford have hosted.



Ten journalists from Quebec, Manitoba, and Ontario attended the exercise.



Global National's television reporter/videographer Lauren McNabb helps CBC General Technician Mark Rosario carry out a soldier on a stretcher from the gun range field during mock situation.



One pack of rations includes everything shown. Selection includes coffee.



A soldier is provided mock first aid by the journalists as bullets fly overhead.

Photos by Darren Lum

Equestrian's dream comes true

Jocelyn Donaldson honoured at Kitchener conference



Harcourt's Jocelyn Donaldson feels real joy on horseback.

Many times young girls who dream of owning their own horse end up with dreams that end with, "I wish ..." However, for some young girls their dreams do become reality.

Tammy (Burroughs) Donaldson was once a young girl with a dream; but through hard work she made her dream into a reality. By a very early age, one would find Tammy riding on her very own horse through the streets of Harcourt delivering her newspapers. That was just a few years ago. The young girl grew into a young woman, married Lyle Donaldson and had a family. Her love of horses never diminished.

Tammy had more dreams and,

between her and her sister Terri (Burroughs) Lindsay, they established South Algonquin Equestrian Outfitters Trails. In March 2002 they purchased the first Horse Simulators in North America and introduced people to the adventures of learning to ride a horse properly by means of the virtual reality horse ride.

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Valerie Smith
448-3640

Now through the streets of Harcourt and along the trails in Algonquin Park you can find another young girl who is filled with dreams and possesses an inherited love for horses. That young girl is Tammy Donaldson's daughter, Jocelyn Donaldson.

Jocelyn, an avid horseback rider, had a dream to be the young rider who spent

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Jocelyn Donaldson accepts an award for being the Junior Rider with the most logged hours to date: a total of 1,626 on horseback.

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Life is an adventure for Jocelyn

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the most hours in the saddle. On November 27, 2004, Jocelyn realized her dream at the Ontario Equestrian Federation's Annual Conference in Kitchener. Jocelyn received recognition as the Junior Rider with the most logged hours to date with a total of 1,626 hours.

In June 2001 the Ontario Equestrian Federation produced a program called the RIDE Ontario Program. This program rewards riders and drivers of horses for hours spent in the saddle or driving a carriage. It is open to riders and drivers of all disciplines, including therapeutic, whether competing, schooling or simply having fun with their horse.

The riders/drivers receive a logbook in which they log each hour they ride or drive. At certain numbers of hours, they are rewarded with a crest and a gift. This month, Jocelyn received recognition as the Junior Rider with the most logged hours. However, Jocelyn's quest has only just began. Over the winter months she will be working on obtaining Level 6; this is a total of 2,000 or more hours in the saddle.

She belongs to the Simcoe Pony Club where she has been a member for the past three years. She will have no problem reaching her next goal as she competes in the Prince Philip Games, Show Jumping, Dressage, D Rally and Quiz. Her love for horses does not end there. You can often find Jocelyn at local horse shows and she's a very knowledgeable guide at South Algonquin Trails.

Life is an adventure for Jocelyn. An adventure of trust, magic and a special friendship between a girl and a horse. Happy trails to Jocelyn, as we wish her all the very best in her quest to obtain her Level 6.

We had a lovely evening at the Word of Life Clothing Outreach Spaghetti

Dinner. The meal was great, the company most pleasant and we had a wonderful time singing all those old songs and Christmas Carols.

The Word of Life Clothing Outreach in Highland Grove is across from the Community Centre in Highland Grove in the old United Church. They have good quality used clothes and some new. Prices are great: \$8 to fill a green garbage bag, \$3 to fill a handle bag and other items are priced separately. The Outreach also accepts clothes and small household items. Funds go toward keeping the Outreach open and to help meet the needs in the community in various ways.

Hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

They are also an outlet for "The Good Food Box." Pay \$15 by the 10th of the month and receive, on the third Thursday of that month, a box of fruits and vegetable purchased at wholesale prices. Please call Clara at 448-9406 for more information.

Wow! You can tell when Christmas is approaching by the number of get togethers and dinners one attends. On Sunday evening we had a nice eventide with friends and fellow volunteers at the Harcourt Community Centre's Christmas dinner. Kudos to Roberta Welsh and helpers who served up a scrump-delicious dinner. We extend a big thank you to Stu Garland for the evening's special "magic" entertainment. It was enjoyed by all.

The Loop Santa Claus Parade and Christmas Party are fast approaching. Time to get thinking about being in the parade. Participants meet at noon at the Wilberforce Elementary School on Dec. 12 and will form the procession that wel-

comes the arrival of Santa Claus. Again this year, all children ages 10 years and younger are welcome to come to the Lloyd Watson Centre to have a visit with Santa Claus and receive a gift. For more information regarding the parade, please call Lynn Waugh at 448-3674 and for further information regarding the Children's Christmas Party please call Valerie Smith 448-3640.

Prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Andy Hillo Sr. We hope to see you home soon.

We are pleased that Charles Hughes is on the road to recovery.

Don't Forget Harcourt Community Centre continues to offer:

Dec. 1 - Bingo every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. For further information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

Dec. 2 - Progressive Euchre every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Join the excitement and fun of Euchre. Euchre Nights at Harcourt Community Centre have been designated as a smoke

free evening. A break is provided in order that people might smoke outdoors. Join the tradition and fun of euchre. For further information please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

Dec. 9 - Thursday night Euchre players will have their Christmas Party. Regular cards will be played followed by a "Special Christmas Lunch & Gift Exchange (if you wish to participate in gift exchange please bring a \$5 gift - male for male &/or female for female).

Dec. 12 - 7 p.m. The Harcourt Community Chapel will hold its Christmas Concert featuring youth and children.

Dec. 31 - Harcourt Community Centre Annual New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. followed by dance at 9 p.m. Come out and enjoy a delicious dinner and dance to the great sounds of "Willie and The Poor Boys." Cost only \$40 a couple for dinner and dance. Advance tickets are available - call Ross Covert at 448-3196 and get your ticket soon.



CHILDREN'S Christmas PARTY

**Saturday,
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Schoolhouse home at last

Highland Heritage Committee members 'ecstatic' about the move

On November 19 when the Cardiff No. 1 schoolhouse arrived at its new home in Highland Grove, the Highland Heritage Committee was ecstatic to finally see the result of two years of hard work.

Built in 1890 by Walter Kidd, the log building originally served as a schoolhouse for the children of Cheddar in Cardiff Township, until closing in the early 1920s. It later became a hunt camp, until purchased by the Township of Cardiff in 1969 or 1970. The building was then moved from its home on Dyno Road, to a new spot on Highway 28, south of the town of Paudash. Here it was used as an information booth, but for the last few years has sat empty.

In 2002, a group of like-minded individuals formed the Highland Heritage Committee, and approached the Council of the Township of Highlands East, proposing to move the schoolhouse to a new home on the Highland Grove Community Centre property. Council agreed, and although the way was rocky at times, the building will now begin a new lease on life as a museum, dedicated to the pioneering families of Cardiff Township.

The Highland Heritage Committee would like to thank Hans and Richard Koster of Eager Beaver Lumber for delivering the schoolhouse in one piece, members of the Bancroft OPP detachment for providing escort, and the Hydro One crew who kept an eye on overhead wires.

The committee would also like to



It's not often you see a log schoolhouse moving down the road.

thank those who, with their donations of time and materials, made this day possible. These include Freymond Lumber, Bierworth Ready Mix, Donny Bamford, Tyler Sears and the team of local husbands and sons, who braved a monsoon in order spread and protect the concrete for our new pad. Lastly, thanks goes to the council of the Township of Highlands East for their ongoing sup-

port. The committee hopes to have the museum open by the summer of 2005. Plans are to include artifacts from the township, as well as to provide a genealogical database on the founding families of the area.

Anyone wishing to donate artifacts, information or pictures to the museum, can contact Joanne Burroughs at 448-2218.

Dinner popular

community news

wilberforce legion

Mel Smith 448-3640

December is upon us and our branch has many exciting upcoming events. Here are just a few for you to mark on your calendar:

Wednesday, Dec. 1 – Darts starting at 7:30 p.m. This is a fun night and you don't have to join a league to play. We are always interested in new players joining us. Come out and have some fun.

Friday, Dec. 3 – Pot Luck Dinner and Birthday Bash starting at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4 – Meat Draw starting at 3 p.m. sharp.

Saturday Dec. 4 – The Annual Wildlife Dinner. This is always a special event enjoyed by all. The first sitting is at 3:30 p.m. and the second is at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for Adults and \$5 for children under 12 years of age. You do not want to miss this so get your tickets early. Tickets are available at Branch 624 Legion. For more information, please call 448-2221.

Saturday, Dec. 4 – Karaoke Night starting at 9 p.m.

These are just a few fun things your local Legion has to offer to kick off the beginning of December. There will be more news next week.



"The Cardinal has merely beauty to give, while we have so much more"

For the seventh year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies of the Health Care Facilities with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters. To date this campaign has raised \$6,021.00. The proceeds will assist the Foundation to pay off the \$1,155,000 capital loan on the Health Care Facilities.

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If you have "so much more to give" this Holiday Season, your gift can be sent to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, Box 1413, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 or Box 30, Minden, ON K0M 2K0 or you can deposit your gift in the donation boxes at the Minden and Haliburton Facilities.



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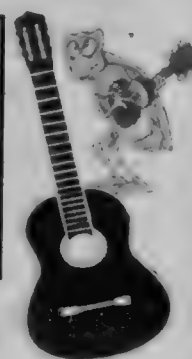
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The Highlands Summer Festival Season Pass makes Christmas giving so easy. Each season pass comes in a colourful Christmas envelope, announcing your gift on decorated Christmas stationery. The season pass is redeemable for a single ticket to each of this season's four productions.

If you purchase a season pass now for only \$60, plus GST, (\$64.20), it is just like getting one show for free. This special price will only be available until January 15, 2005. A season pass makes a great Christmas gift for a friend, family member or yourself.

Here's what is planned for the Highlands Summer Festival stage for 2005:

The Perilous Pirate's Daughter

The Perilous Pirate's Daughter is a rollicking, swash-buckling musical that recounts the story of Canada's only Great Lakes pirate. Bill Johnston and his crew used the turmoil of the Upper Canada Rebellion in the Gananoque area as a backdrop to ply their "trade". Naturally, in true Canadian fashion, Pirate Bill Johnston robbed from the rich and shared the spoils with the poor. The story follows the efforts to capture the wily sailor as well as the trails of two suitors, who try to capture the hand of his lively daughter, Kate. Based on a true story, The Perilous Pirate's Daughter is a fun-filled production about Red Coats, rebels, patriots and pirates sure to delight everyone. David Archibald lives in the Kingston area and is a seasonal resident of the Haliburton Highlands. Anne Chislet is from Newfoundland.

If We Are Women

One grandmother is illiterate, another is the master of the New York Times crossword puzzle, the mother has just lost the man she loves, and the daughter has been out all night with a boy. In this humorous and moving play by Canadian author Joanna McClelland Glass, three generations, together in a beach house, discover what it means to care about themselves ... and each other.

The Affections of May

May has fled the city to start a new life operating a bed and breakfast in a small, rural, tourist community. Shortly after relocating, she is abandoned by her husband. Unaccustomed to the ways of a close-knit community, May quickly meets an array of odd local characters as she tried to fend for herself. In time, suitors come calling and May must learn to deal with her personal fragility while juggling the attention of these eager swains. Norm Foster, one of Canada's most prolific and much admired comedic playwrights, is a native of Newmarket.

Dances with Wolfgang

Our chamber music concert introduces a new dimension this year with the addition of dance. Join our resident Festival musicians, Lauren McInnes, Tom Regina and Melissa Stephens, for an eclectic concert celebrating the union of music and dance. Musical selections ranging from Bach to Bartok to Brubeck, and even Wolfgang himself, will be united with dance choreography conceived and performed by Rachel Regina.



Help the Red Cross this Christmas

The 2005 Red Cross/Fire Fighter Calendar features two local firefighters, Mel Smith (December) and Patti Jo Hughes (February, pictured above). The cost is only \$10 and the proceeds will go towards supporting the Red Cross Programs in the Haliburton area, such as the PDA (Personal Disaster Assistance) program. They are available in Wilberforce at Agnews Store or by e-mailing barb.mills@redcross.ca.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL**

- **DATE:** Wednesday, December 15th, 2004
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-04-030 – Wormald
- Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a private cabin.
- Increase the total floor area for a private cabin from 480 sq. feet to 972 sq. feet (Definitions and General Provisions).
- Permit a loft in a private cabin.
 - Location: Part Lot 29, Concession 8, Dysart Township (Spruce Lake– Old Brown's Camp Lane).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by Counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the setbacks affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Date: November 29th, 2004

Patricia Martin
Secretary – Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment



**THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST
INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITION:**

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL/BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The Municipality of Highlands East is seeking applications for the position of Chief Building Official/By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Reporting directly to the CAO/Clerk, the CBO/BLEO shall be responsible for:

- Administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Building Code Act, the Ontario Building Code, and the Municipality's Building By-law
- Review of permit applications, plans, drawings and specifications for conformity with all applicable regulations
- Supervision of one or more Municipal Building Inspectors/By-law Enforcement Officers
- Issuing building, and demolition permits
- Conducting site inspections to ensure that construction meets appropriate standards and approved plans
- Issuing orders as necessary
- Preparation of budget for the Building Department
- Maintaining accurate reports, records and files
- Issuing letters of Zoning and Official Plan compliance
- Investigating, administering and enforcing applicable legislation and by-laws
- Assisting with general public complaints and requests for advice
- Administration of the Nutrient Management Act
- Reviewing Minor Variance and consent applications
- Administration and enforcement of the Municipality's Property Standards By-law, Animal Control By-law, and other

QUALIFICATION:

- Certified Building Code Official (CBCO)
- Certification by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing by July 1, 2005.
- Five (5) years related work experience in the municipal environment
- A thorough understanding of provincial legislation, regulations and policies as they affect buildings, property and municipal by-law enforcement
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- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence
- Good computer skills, record management skills, oral and written communications skills

The ideal candidate will deal effectively courteously and tactfully with the general public, contractors and construction industry professionals.

The Municipality of Highlands East offers a competitive remuneration and benefits package.

Qualified applicants may submit a resume, including salary expectations, in confidence, not later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 15, 2004 to:

Sharon Stoughton-Craig, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
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e-mail: highlands@on.aibn.com
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We thank all candidates who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of candidate selection.

Legion asks for support against ban

Once again the smoking ban issue has reared its ugly head. Your Zone is made up of 13 Legion branches. Those in the City of Kawartha Lakes have been forced to have completely smoke-free branches. After carefully monitoring the effects on cash receipts it has been found that these branches can donate to community

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—Gerald Irish

What would it mean to your community if this branch was to close? Where would elections, flu clinics, blood donor clinics, large community information assemblies and special occasion dinners be held? From where would donations come to help the Santa Claus Parade, the BIA, students' bursaries to those young local people pursuing post secondary educations, the salvation Army appeals, the 4Cs, the Highland Games, Legion track and field, Cadets, and on and on? To financially assist these local programs would municipal taxes have to be increased or would some have to be cancelled? Think of the impact the complete non-smoking policy would have?

At this month's general meeting a donation of \$500. to the Salvation Army Christmas appeal was approved by the membership. I serve on the current executive of your Legion with a total of 11 years previous executive experience and am pleased to report that in my opinion the people now working for your branch are extremely dedicated and hardworking and are making a fresh, concerted effort to restore your branch to its former status as one of the top Legions in our zone and district. This can be evidenced in the numbers of volunteers reappearing and the new programs being introduced.

Too bad you missed the Legion's Grey Cup Party. An excited, vocal group of members and guests enjoyed not only the game and social time but also the chili dinner with rolls, chicken on a bun and cheese trays.

Through the excellent playing and success of your branch's mixed dart team, your branch has earned the privilege of hosting next year's mixed darts zone championships. Congratulations to team members Chris Briggs, Jack Briggs, Bev White and Keith Smith, our Zone Champions. This team will represent our zone at the District level in December. We all wish them much success.

On November 27 a contingent from your branch went to Port Hope to attend an Alcohol and Gaming seminar. They learned about the government's rules and regulations and how they affect activities at your branch.

Watch for our entry in the Santa Claus Parade.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Adine and Don Miller on the birth of their son Jacob on November 14 at Civic Hospital in Peterborough. A brother for Kenny and Braedon.

Belated thank you to all who contributed in October at the Guilford store to hospice by buying angel stickers.

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Our St. George's Anglican Church choir is preparing for the annual festival of readings and carols to be held on December 9. Readings are from the hilarious The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.

Best wishes to Brianne Hewitt and Mike Pockett on their marriage on November 22 at Lakeside Baptist Church. Some of those in attendance from Guilford were Shirley and Bernard Clancy; Larry and Betty Hewitt; Brittany Nicholls and daughter Jordyn, who were in the wedding party with Darlene Osborn; Brett Wilson and Bob, Debbie and Logan Deremo; Marilyn Gibbon and Erma Sisson; and Jennifer and Sherry Whiteway. From a little farther away there were Larry's mother Eveylyn Gibson and his brothers and sister, Roger, Peter and Carolyn Furth; and Brenda Cowey of Burlington.



DARREN LUM/Echo

First snow

Matt Rae, 12, was taking advantage of the winter conditions while visiting his grandfather Grant Rae in Haliburton last week. Rain showers on Sunday have since washed away most of the snow coverage.

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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING
TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION
TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: December 13th, 2004
TIME: any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of original road allowances, allowances for road or shoreline road allowances, located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

- Applicant:** Brown/Owen/McClean/Dracup/Cuff/Cargoe/Harvie/Tomlin and Scott
Location: Fishtail Lake

 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 16, Concessions 8 and 9, Township of Harcourt.
 - Defined as Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by C.T. Strongman, O.L.S., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicant:** Halminen
Location: Kennisis Lake

 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 3, Concession 3, Township of Havelock.
 - Defined as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicant:** Macleod
Location: Kennisis Lake

 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 18, Concession 4, Township of Havelock.
 - Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department
- Applicant:** Montle/Snyman
Location: Bitter Lake

 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 17, Concession 10, Township of Guilford.
 - Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department
- Applicant:** Dysart et al
Location: Haliburton

 - Road Allowance on Registered Plan 525
 - Part of the Road Allowance for Dean Court, In Lot 19, Concession 7, Township of Dysart.
 - Defined as Parts 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 on Plan 19R-263, prepared by H.C.Bishop, OLS, being available for review in the Planning Department

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 17th day of November, 2004.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P. R.P.P.
Municipal Planner



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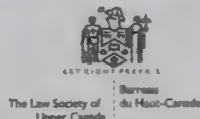
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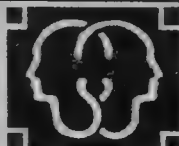
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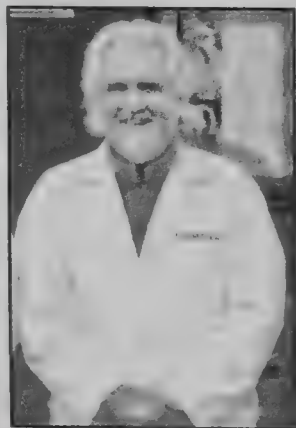
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Tap Dancin' Sam kicks off Razzamataz season

Dance fans young and old should mark their calendars for 2 p.m., Sunday, December 12 when William Orlowski, one of Canada's greatest tap dance artists, will perform in Haliburton at the Northern Lights Pavilion at the high school.

Orlowski is one of the founders of the National Tap Dance Company of Canada. He has won many awards for choreography, and has made numerous appearances on television, film and stage. His one-man show is an energetic and moving display of virtuoso tap dancing. But this is more than just a dance show. Orlowski knows how to use the rhythmic and narrative potential of dance and music to tell poignant and evocative stories about gender role stereotyping, inter-generational issues, peer pressure, conflict resolution and fulfilling the expectations of others.

Real boys don't dance — they play football. Right? "Tap Dancing Sam" tells the story of Patrick, a 10-year-old torn between the expectations of his father, who wants him to be a football player, and his grandfather Sam, a former vaudeville star, who wants to encourage Patrick's gift for dancing. Patrick enjoys doing both, but finds himself caught in the middle trying to fulfill the ambitions of others, instead of deciding for himself. The dilemma becomes acute when Sam is seen dancing in the street — to the cheers of some and to the derision of others. Patrick is embarrassed and when his father finds out he has been secretly taking dancing lessons from Sam, the problem explodes! While the story is intended for families with children 5 to 12, the show is a special opportunity for local dance fans to see one of the best dancers in Canada.

Tap dancing traces its roots to the ships of the slave trade, as African slaves were brought up on deck and ordered to exercise along with the European sailors. The result was a blend of the intricate footwork of step dancing with the African style of gliding, dragging or shuffling with the whole body flexible and at ease. Tap dance was most popular in the 1930s and 1940s, but has had a revival in the 1970s with the musical "No, No, Nanette." There are two local dance studios offering tap dance lessons for children and adults: Heritage Ballet and Haliburton Dance Arts.

A dance show of a very different kind will be presented in Haliburton in March, when the Kahurangi Maori Dance Theatre comes to town. The Maori are the aboriginal people of Australia and New Zealand, and this company was formed in 1984 with the aim of revitalizing Maori culture while providing cultural, educational and employment opportunities for young Maori people. The show includes hand-crafted costumes, traditional Maori dances as well as selections from other island nations of Polynesia, and narration to help us understand the dances with information about language, lifestyles, beliefs and history.



People young and old enjoy Razzamataz shows.

And the other Razzamataz shows will be great, too. In January the Funky Mamas will come to play "Music for Families." Six mothers with 15 children between them have been performing together since 1988. Dufflebag Theatre returns to YMCA Camp Wanakita in April with "Peter Pan." If you saw their performance of "Beauty and the Beast" a few years ago, you will remember the magic they create on stage with four actors and some volunteers from the audience, and you'll want to be there again!

With a schedule this good, you will want to purchase a season pass for all four shows for \$20. Passes can be purchased at the first show, or in advance from Amy

Klose at 457-4266. Single admission tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids. Children under 2 are free.

Here's the season at a glance:

Tap Dancin' Sam

Presented by William Orlowski

Sunday December 12, 2004, 2 p.m.

Northern Lights Pavilion

The Funky Mamas

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JOB SUMMARY

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Executive Director, through dynamic leadership, skills and vision, will ensure the delivery of programs, services and education to our stakeholders, within the communities we serve, and direct the successful day-to-day operations of the Society.

Key responsibilities include:

- Managing, monitoring and evaluating all services and programs of the Society.
- Preparing and managing budgets and ensuring the preparation of financial and statistical reports.
- Providing leadership, managing, mentoring and ensuring the most effective deployment of the Society's team of staff and volunteers.
- Partnering with other relevant organizations, including the Alzheimer Society of Ontario, other provincial Chapters, governmental and other agencies and organizations to facilitate public awareness of the Society, enhance its financial position and support the strategic vision of the Board of Directors.
- Liaising with appropriate government agencies to secure optimal funding for the Society.
- Supervising fundraising and other development initiatives that maximize revenue while minimizing risk.
- Ensuring the Board of Directors is provided with information, options, opinions and perspectives, that are relevant, timely, accurate, complete, and that supports effective and transparent governance.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 5+ years related experience in a not-for profit organization.
- Post-secondary degree in a related discipline is required.
- Experience working with a Board of Directors.
- Experience in a management capacity with a focus on mentoring staff and volunteers.
- Excellent analytical, tactical, planning and administration skills.
- Demonstrated leadership and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to represent the Society in dealing with all levels of government, corporations and community leaders and other Alzheimer organizations.
- Excellent presentation, verbal and written communication skills.
- Knowledge of Alzheimer disease and related dementias.
- Capability and willingness to work flexible hours and days (may include weekends), as required on an occasional basis.

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The Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes played in Santa Claus parades in Minden on Saturday (pictured above) and Haliburton on Sunday.

Silver Flutes dazzle in many holiday parades

The Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes, under the capable leadership of bandmaster Bill Medland, took part in six Santa Claus Parades this fall.

It started on Saturday, November 20 when the Laidlaw Bus with driver Ron took them to Newmarket, then Keswick and culminated on Sunday at the Toronto 100th Santa Claus Parade.

The following weekend took them to Minden, Fenlon Falls and finally Haliburton.

With the exception of the Toronto parade, where the Flutes combined with the Toronto Derry Band, the band was led by Drum Major Jonathan English with Danny VanNood as lead drummer.

The banner was carried by two new recruits, Nicky and Cody Hunt. Nick Chumbley was, as usual, the music director with James Jowett beating time on the base drum, being relieved on occasion by cymbal player Willy Curtis.

Shelly VanNood did her usual terrific

job as "Band Mother." The Canadian flag was carried in the Toronto and Fenlon Falls parades by Kris Nicholls.

Unfortunately at this time the band does not have a Haliburton County flag.

These parades gave the band a chance to show off their new \$3,000 "G" flutes.

This makes a total of 11 parades the Flutes have taken part in this season.

The band was very well received in Toronto, with the calls of "hurray for Haliburton" and "see you next summer"

coming from the crowds.

The band is always willing to take new members. Musical knowledge is not necessary and anyone over the age of nine years may join and there is no cost. Also, volunteers are needed to carry flags, etc.

Beginners' practice is Wednesday night from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. George's Church in Haliburton Village.

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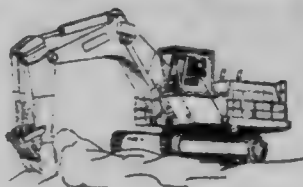
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Some go hungry

Highlanders face rising prices to eat healthy; some go hungry as a result

Filling a shopping cart with healthy food is becoming more difficult for low-income earners as they scramble to pay for other necessities of life.

The Cost of Healthy Eating Report prepared by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit shows that covering basic costs such as shelter, clothing and transportation means some people in Haliburton County forgo buying healthy foods in order to make ends meet. In certain cases, the report suggests people even go hungry.

"In a community with so much, it's a sad statement that healthy eating remains unaffordable for some of our residents who rely on social assistance or minimum-wage jobs," says Rosie Kadwell, a Public Health Dietitian with the HKPR District Health Unit.

While the cost to eat healthy for a local family is relatively unchanged from 2003, the Cost of Healthy Eating report paints a bleak picture when factoring in other costs.

The report cites the scenario of a single mother with two young children living on social assistance. Because of a long waiting list locally for subsi-

dized housing, it's not unusual for a single-parent family like this to pay full rent for a two-bedroom apartment. After rent and food is deducted from the income, the report estimates the mother in this scenario would have a little over \$100 left at the end of the month to pay for all other expenses.

A family of four living on one minimum wage income doesn't fare much better, the report finds. After rent and food is paid, the family is left with just \$300 per month to cover costs such as clothing, transportation, insurance, medications, non-food purchases and school supplies. "With two children, these expenses are considerable," the report concludes.

While there have been small increases in the minimum wage and social assistance in the last year, Kadwell says the hikes aren't enough to break the cycle of poverty. "These increases are a good first step. But we still have miles to go in terms of a long-term solution to ensuring families get the nutritious food they need to stay healthy," she admits.

In Haliburton County, several initiatives are underway to

address the problem. A local Food Action Committee was formed to try improving local residents' access to healthy food.

The committee is made up of concerned individuals and representatives of several social, health and educational agencies in the area.

In addition, funding from the Health for Life program has helped start additional food action initiatives in the county.

Haliburton's first community garden started this year, giving people a chance to grow their own fresh fruits and vegetables.

The Health Unit, Health for Life and Ontario Works also offer a Basic Shelf cooking program that provides healthy eating ideas at a reasonable price. As well, each year the Health Unit and Health for Life produce the Food For All pamphlet that lists where to access free of low-cost food in Haliburton County.

To get involved with a food action program or to obtain a copy of Food For All or the Cost of Healthy Eating Report, call the local Health Unit at (705) 457-1391.

Healthy eating report outlines cost of feeding family of four

• Each year as part of its mandate, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit prepares a Cost of Healthy Eating Report for Haliburton County, Northumberland County, and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

• The report examines the price of healthy eating for one week for local families and individuals. It also takes into account other basic necessities of life such as housing, clothing and transportation and how these costs affects a person's overall budget.

• This year, the report finds the price of a "nutritious food basket" for an average family of four locally ranges from \$126.05 to \$138.51 per week. The same basket of nutritious foods for a single mother with a young daughter is just under \$52 per week.

• The "nutritious food basket" that is priced in the Cost of Healthy Eating Report is made up of 66 food items. All items in the basket are nutritious and commonly purchased by Canadians at the grocery store. Not included in the basket are items like chips, pop, and chocolate bars which have little nutritional value. Also excluded are toothpaste, paper towels, toilet paper, other personal care items and cleaning products.

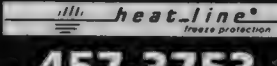
• Health Unit staff price the items in the basket at supermarkets in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and City of Kawartha Lakes to come up with an average local cost.

• The nutritious basket of food underestimates true food costs, since many items are not included in it. Still, the basket is considered the best tool currently available for pricing the cost of healthy eating.

• Eating nutritious foods contributes significantly to a healthy lifestyle.

• The Health Unit urges area residents to advocate for financial increases to social assistance, minimum wage and food allowances provided to care facilities such as group homes and shelters. Having local residents lend time or financial support to local emergency food programs can also make a difference.

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CURRENT EVENTS

- **Nov. 30:** Tickets are now on sale for the Haliburton County Home Support Christmas Luncheons. Haliburton Lunch is on November 30 at the Haliburton Legion and the Minden lunch is on December 1st at the United Church. Call 457-2941 for tickets.
- **Dec. 1:** The Ontario Early Years Centre is offering a FREE Wilberforce Cooking Corner program on Wed., Dec. 1st. Held at Lloyd Watson Community Centre from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call the Ontario Early Years Centre at 457-2989 to register.
- **Dec. 2:** The Ontario Early Years Centre is offering a FREE Developmental Screening Clinic on Thurs., Dec. 2nd. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (behind Halco Plaza) from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call the Ontario Early Years Centre at 457-2989 to register.
- **Dec. 4:** Santa's Workshop – Craft Sale and Flea Market. Sat., Dec. 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Snack Bar available. Silent Auction. For more info call Kathy Rogers at 448-2419. Vendors are welcome.
- **Dec. 5:** (Advent II - Peace) – Communion Sunday at Zion United Church and Minden United Church. Soup and Sandwich Luncheon will be held downstairs at Minden United Church following the morning worship service. Come worship with us and stay for a delicious lunch. Lunch is by donation, and everyone is welcome.
- **Dec. 6:** The Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers are now holding their meetings at the Minden Legion, Hwy. 35. Monday, Dec. 6. Rug hooking demonstrations and instructions will be available. Call Elaine at 286-2035 or Peggy at 286-3387.
- **Dec. 7:** Blue Christmas Service at Minden United Church, Tues., Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. The Highland Hills Pastoral Charge is offering this Blue Christmas Service, which recognizes that Christmas is not always a happy time for everyone. Come for a meditative service to offer to God through music and prayer your pain and desire for healing.
- **Dec. 8:** The Ontario Early Years Centre is offering a FREE Wilberforce Cooking Corner program on Wed., Dec. 8th. Held at Lloyd Watson Community Centre from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call the Ontario Early Years Centre at 457-2989 to register.
- **Dec. 8:** The Algonquin Highlands Writing Circle, which meets on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month at Club 35 in Halls Lake, is sponsoring the first annual "Writers' Christmas" dinner and readings on Dec. 8 at Heather Lodge. Enjoy Christmas writings along with a glass of wine and a traditional turkey dinner. Tickets (pre-purchase only) may be obtained from Kay Millard at 286-6635. Further info, including a request to read, may be obtained from Brenda Peddigrew at 489-3509.
- **Dec. 9:** St. George's, Haliburton – St. George's Cantata Choir and Readers present "A Christmas Festival" of Readings and Carols. Dec. 9th, 7:30 p.m. Proceeds for the 4Cs. For cost and info call 457-2074.
- **Dec. 11:** Gooderham Community Christmas Dinner Sat., Dec. 11 at 6:00 at the Community Centre. Only 60 tickets to be sold. May be purchased at the Post Office or call Ron at 447-3092 or Elva at 447-2977. Sponsored by the Gooderham Community Action Group.

ON GOING EVENTS

- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636, Minden** holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., except for the months of January and February.
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- **Now until May/05:** The Heart & Stroke Walking Clubs are ongoing at Archie Stouffer P.S. in Minden and at Haliburton District High School in Haliburton, every school day, from 7:15 to 8:00 a.m. Keep fit and keep your heart healthy.
- **Now until May 30:** Adult Badminton – Started Monday, Sept. 20 to May 30/05. Archie Stouffer Public School, 8:00 - 10 p.m. Bring running shoes and racquet. Phone 286-1765 for further info.
- **Now until June:** Adult Women's Basketball is played on Thursday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. Players of all skill levels are welcome. For more info call Emma at 457-2506.
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NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

Former minister pays a call to St. Margaret's

John and Ivy Erye paid a short visit to Wilberforce last week. They were overnight guests of Nadeen and Ken Sanderson. John, in the Church Army at the time, served as minister at St. Margaret's Anglican Church in the early 1960's. Captain Eyre and his wife Ivy who had emigrated to Canada from Ireland are well remembered for their work in the community with the youth. Last Thursday morning the Eyres were pleased to renew contacts that included Murray and Eileen Agnew, Mary and John Barker, Sylvia Tallman, Hilda Clark, Bruce Gibbs and Evonne Hughes. A visit to St. Margaret's brought back old memories.

The Eyres have resided near Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A. for many years where John was in the Insurance Industry. Now retired they do missionary work in Ireland. Their children and grandchildren live and work in various parts of the U.S.A. They were in Canada to attend the wedding of a missionary friend in Kleinberg.

Get into the Christmas season early by joining the congregation of the Wilberforce Full Gospel Church on Hwy. #118 at their Christmas Concert. Sunday, December 5, at 7 p.m. There will be congregational carol singing, and skits by both the children and adult classes. Refreshments will be served.

Once again Sue Ellison and her mother Dorothy Rivers are providing Christmas dinner on December 25 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. It is at the X-Roads Cafe and the cost is only \$6.00 for Seniors. This provides a fine opportunity for those who are going to be alone for Christmas Day. Sometimes family gatherings are being held earlier or later in the season and individuals and couples appreciate the opportunity to have

company as they partake of a good traditional meal on this very special day. Please call X-Roads at 448-3858 to reserve your meal. Do it by December 15 so Sue and Dorothy can organize enough food.

The Santa's Workshop Craft Sale by the Pathfinders this Saturday, December 4 is a great place to pick up gifts and decorations as well as Christmas cookies. The W. Heritage Guild will have the Linkert Fruit Cakes for sale.

Mark Thursday, Dec. 9 on your calendar and drop by the Outpost between 1 and 4 or 7 and 9 and enjoy the decorations and some Christmas refreshments.

The Haliburton Messiah Choir presented Handel's Messiah on November 27 and 28 at the Northern Lights Pavilion. Under director Melissa Stephens the choir gave stirring renditions of this Oratorio. Guest artists included Ian C. Morton, organist; Heather Jewson, Mezzo-Soprano; Margaret Marris, Contralto; James McLennan, Tenor; and Norman Gabriel Nurmi, Bass. A very uplifting beginning to the Advent and Christmas Season.

It was a privilege to attend a performance of The Contract by the National ballet on Saturday, November 27. Created by James Kudela, Artistic Director and the company for the National's 50th Anniversary two years ago it is an interesting piece that combines the theme and story of the Pied Piper and faith healer/evangelist Canadian Aimee Semple MacPherson. A very powerful ballet reminding audiences of the dire consequences of breaking a contract.

The Writers Circle here meets at 10 a.m. on December 2, 2004 at the Outpost Historic House.



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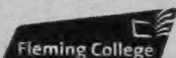
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300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS - If you are going south and would like the peace of mind that your home or cottage will be safe call John at 489-3671. References available.

I'M BACK! Val Chaffchick will be available for sessions at Haliburton Chiropractic on Monday and Friday 10-4 and Saturday 10-2. Call 457-3500 to book your appointment. CA

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340 AUCTIONS/FLEA MARKETS

WHITE'S AUCTION SALE
Sat., November 27, 2004, 10 a.m.
Balance of part contents of Willena Shea and others.
Sale to be held at White's Auction Centre. From Bancroft take Hwy. 28S approx. 9 kms to Paudash School Road
Sale to consist of Inglis stove, Frigidaire fridge, floor model TV, rocker, pedestal dish, single bed and headboard, trunk, qty. dressers, vanity, 6 pc. teak dining room set, china cabinet, quilt rack, medicine cabinet with mirrors, bread maker, 45 gal. plastic drums, tread walker, leaf blower, tablesaw, Pioneer chainsaw, greaser, 4 ton jack, tool cabinets, qty. power tools, hand tools, lumber tarps, metal wheel barrel, etc. Many more items too numerous to mention.
White's Auction Service. Oscar White - Auctioneer. Phone: (613) 339-2350, Fax: (613) 339-1572, E-mail: whites.auction@sympatico.ca; Website: www.whitesauctions.ca CA

"CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY" WHITE'S AUCTION SALE
Sat., Dec. 4, 2004 - 10 a.m.
Sale to be held at White's Auction Centre. From Bancroft take Hwy. 28S approx. 9 kms to Paudash School Road
Sale to consist of a number of beautiful pieces in clean condition for that special someone. These items will include jewellery, glassware, pottery, pictures, furniture, collector cards, coins, movies, books, toys, etc. Check our website for a more detailed listing. **White's Auction Service. Oscar White - Auctioneer. Phone: (613) 339-2350, Fax: (613) 339-1572, E-mail: whites.auction@sympatico.ca; Website: www.whitesauctions.ca** CA

390 PUBLIC NOTICES

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400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALICE PAULINE HALADAY, deceased.
All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of ALICE PAULINE HALADAY, late of the township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 8th day of September, 2004, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 21st day of December, 2004.
AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Estate Trustee/Executor for the Estate being Lloyd Gowie, shall have notice.
DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 17th day of November, 2004 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0. Solicitors for the Estate Trustee of the Estate of Alice Pauline Haladay. CA

440 THANK YOU

THANK YOU - To each and every one who in their special way made the passing of our sister **VIOLET DANILKO** a little easier to bear. We extend our heartfelt gratitude. A special thank you to the Gooderham ladies for the delicious and bountiful lunch. To the staff of Hyland Crest and the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd. To Gordon for his words of comfort, to Barry and Paul for the smooth operation of the funeral service. **Mervin Mintz, and Weldon and Olive McPhail.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

BILLINGS, NORA - In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother who passed away November 16, 2001. God took her home, It was his will. But in our hearts She liveth still. Love always **All the Family.**

MATHEWS, BENJAMIN DANIEL - Jan. 24/62 - Dec. 6/79. Somewhere you're there, with outstretched hand To touch our fingers so we'll understand That though apart, we all will know Your spirit dwells, down here below. No one will doubt, how much we miss The warm embrace of your goodnight kiss The thought that mom we'll come to know You're not around to watch you grow. We miss you more than we can tell Our lives are changed, and all's not well We try to go on but pour our tears For one so young, so few of years. We hope that in God's design and plan You were all grown up, and quite a man To take you with Him where He dwells An angel with honor, with pride that swells. One day dear Ben, we will follow you Somewhere in that sky that's oh so blue Prepare for us, a little nest Where together, one day, we all shall rest. Missing you - love Dad and Mom.

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST
FREDERICK FRANCIS PARKER
Passed away peacefully to the Arms of Jesus at the Haliburton Hospital on Monday, November 29, 2004.
At the age of 86
Beloved husband of Beth, dear father of David and his wife Pat, Ray and his wife Jill all of Toronto. Loving grandfather of Aiden, Chelsea, Hanna and Shane. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden (1-888) 588-5777 on Tuesday from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. Interment Minden Cemetery. Reception to follow in the family centre. Memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. CA

THE DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIEDS
is Friday
at 5 p.m.

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST
GLEN ALBERT McCOLL
Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital after battling a lengthy illness on Saturday, November 27, 2004.
At the age of 64.
Dear son of the late Alf and Elsie McColl. Loving father of Vicky and Larry Miscio of West Guilford, David and Lorrie of Orillia, Kevin of Eagle Lake, Kendra McColl and Terry Sicard of Eagle Lake, and grandfather of Jeremy, Krista, Steven, Ryan and Justin. Lovingly remembered by the children's mother Lois Ann McColl of Haliburton and by his loving friend Carol Sidsworth of Haliburton. Dear brother of Beatrice Juszinski (the late Blondie) of Peterborough, Clayton and his wife Lela of Eagle Lake, Vera and her husband Rowatt Jones of Eagle Lake, Doris and her husband Don Larmer of Peterborough, Sylvia and her husband Doug Holland of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. In accordance to Glen's wishes, all funeral arrangements are Private. Cremation. Memorial donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario. CA

AT REST
IDA C. HOLMES
Passed away peacefully after a brief illness at the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital, Bracebridge on Friday, November 26, 2004.
In her 88th year.
Beloved wife of the late Leonard Holmes. Dear mother of Marilyn, Gordon and his wife Maureen and predeceased by Jim. Loving grandmother of Jaclyn, James, Jenessa, Elizabeth, Lesa and great grandmother of Morgan and Brooke. Dear sister of Edith and predeceased by Ethel, Ernie and Tom. Fondly remembered by her sister-in-law Joyce and by her nieces, nephews, family and friends. Ida was born in England and immigrated to Canada at 9 years of age. She was an avid card player and bowler. She was well known for her flowers that were her pride and joy and entered numerous displays at the Monmouth agricultural fair. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Monday from 6-8 p.m. Memorial Service in the Chapel on Tuesday, November 30, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family. CA

VAN DENHAZEL, HENDRIK (Formerly of West Guilford, Ontario) - At Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, November 25, 2004 in his 82nd year. Beloved husband of the late Barbara Cook. Loving father of Robert and his wife Emilie of Fort Irwin, Joan (Mrs. Robert Taverner) of West Guilford, Donald and his wife Betty of Gooderham. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren David (Lisa), Tammy (Dan Douglas) & Christopher. Predeceased by his sister Ollie. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. At Hendrik's request there will be no visitation. A Grave-side Service will be held at a later date. As expressions of sympathy donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. CA

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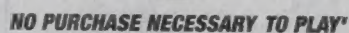
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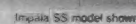
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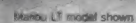
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